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PROTESTS BAN ON MISSOURI POULTRY

Jefferson City, Mo., December 12.—A protest against the order of the New York board of health in declaring an embargo on poultry shipments to New York City from six states including Missouri, was sent to the New York board late this afternoon by Jewell Mayes, secretary of the State Board of Agriculutre.

"On behalf of he Missouri State Board of Agriculture", the telegram read, "permit me as Secretary to file this protest against embargoing Missouri live poultry. Please reply giving your reasons why, also stating names of scientific authorities deciding there is pestilential disease in poultry shipments from Missouri. Also name of disease and its effect. Conditions in Missouri do not seem to warrant your embargo. What is your judgment as to whether this is temporary or permanent?"

A telegram declaring that the embargo placed by the New York Board of Health against live poultry shipments from eight states, including Missouri, was ordered because poultry received fom these states was suffering from a disease resembling "European chicken plague", was received this afternoon by the state board of agriculture from Health Commissioner Frank J. Monoghan of New York City. Monoghan stated the length of time the embargo would be in effect was indefinite.

His telegram follows:

"We regret exceedingly that it has been necessary for New York City to place an embargo against chickens from certain states. The chief veterinarian of this department, in conjunction with the rsearch laboratory of this department finds that a large percentage of the chickens entering New York, coming from the states that the embargo is placed against, were suffering from a disease resembling he European chicken plague and so far as we are able to prove scientifically this is believed to be the European chicken plague. The length of the time of the embargo is indefinite".

Baptist Church

9:30—Sunday School.

11:00—Morning worship. Sermon by the pastor.

6:30—The B. Y. P. U. Meets for Bible Study.

7:30—Evening worship. Song service led by the choir. Sermon by the pastor. Let us go to the House of the Lord for worship and instruction and toning up of our spiritual nature.

S. P. BRITE, Pastor.

Mrs. Mae Cresap and son Joe and Joseph Guy Lescher of St. Louis, arrived her Friday on account of the serious illness of their father, Judge J. C. Lescher, who passed away at 6:20 Monday morning.

ESCAPED CONVICT CAPTURED MONDAY

Bloomfield, Dec. 16.—W. C. Sykes, alias Poley Rickman, captured by a sheriffs posse near here Monday after a gun battle in which he was wounded three times, escaped from the Oklahoma state pneitentiary at McAllister, Okla., where he was serving a life sentence for murder, officers here were notified today. He escaped from the prison May 13.

The fugitive, in addition, is a deserter from the United States army, according to officers.

Sheriff Roscoe Walker, who led the posse in the search for the bandit, who Sunday night held up three men at a water tank near Zeta, robbing them of $67 in cash, recognized the bandit when he was captured, as a private in Company M, 140th Infantry, during the war, a company in which the sheriff was a sergeant. The officer said that Sykes deserted the army at Fort Sill, Okla., in 1917, a short time before the regiment was to be sent overseas.

Sykes is a native of Poplar Bluff and was taken into the army at that place in 1917, authorities were told. After deserting he is believed to have led a criminal life in Oklahoma, from which state he was sentenced to life imprisonment for murder. He was received at the prison August 31, 1923, and escaped in May, making his way back to this state in the summer.

The bandit was sentenced to prison under the name of Sykes, with an alias of Rickman, and it was the latter name that he was using in this county officers say. It was not divulged until today that he was wanted in Oklahoma on the murder charge.

Oklahoma prison authorities told officers here that Sykes was known as a "bad" man.

The charge of robbery against Sykes is not to be pressed in this county and Sheriff Walker left today for thep rison with the man.

Sykes was identified as the robber who held up Densey King, Oscar Henry and Young Cox near the water tank at Zeta and robbed them.

Mrs. Ruskin McCoy received a telegram Monday morning, stating the serious illness of her father in Clayton, Mo.

A fleet of five big auto trucks has been sent by the State Highway Commission into the counties of this part of the state to gravel some of the bad places in the state highway on roads not yet hard surfaced. Last week the trucks were working on highway 16 which parallels the Current River railroad. The plan of sending trucks into the various counties is a good one, as a great deal of work can be done with them, for the crews handling the trucks are organized and their foreman knows how to get the greatest amount of work done with the trucks.—West Plains Gazette.

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Rice, Fancy Head, lb.	7c	Coffee, Evans' Anchor brand, can	50c
Oats, large package	19c	Coffee, Fancy Rio, can	30c
Oats, small pkg.	10c	Milk, Pet, large can	10c
Shredded Wheat, pkg.	12½c	Milk, Pet, small can	5c
Post Toasties, small size	10c	Pure Country Sorghum, gal.	$1.00
Post Toasties, large size	15c	Milk, Eagle Brand, can	19c
Kelloggs Bran, pkg.	10c	New South Sorghum, gal.	85c
Swansdown Cake Flour, large size	29c	New South Sorghum, ½ gal.	44c
Grape Nuts, pkg.	16c	Jelly Rex, 5-lb. bucket,	43c
Cream of Wheat, pkg.	21c	Syrup, White House, gal.	66c
Raisins, Sun Maid, 16 oz.	13c	Syrup, Domino, 2-lb. can	17c
Raisins, Sun Maid, bulk, lb.	10c	Soap, Laundry, all kinds, per bar	4c
Calumet Baking Powder, 1-lb. can	28c	Matches, Parlor, per box	4c
K. C. Baking Powder, 25-oz. can	21c	Evaporated Peaches, fancy, lb.	14c
Lipton's Tea, ½-lb. can	44c	Evaporated Apricots, Fancy, lb.	24c
Lipton's Tea, ¼-lb. can	24c	Evaporated Apples, Fancy, lb.	16c
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MISSOURI BUYS LAND FOR BIG STATE PARK

Jefferson City, Dec. 15.—Missouri bought its first large state park today, it was announced at the State Game and Fish Department. It is a 12,000-acre tract known as the Lenox Ranch, located in the Ozark Mountains, in Dent County, near Salem, The price was $50,593.

An additional 2000 acres adjoining is to be purchased soon it was said. This will make the park, which is to be a game and fish preserve, 14,000 acres in extent., the total cost of which will be approximately $58,000.

The big ranch cost an average of $4.50 an acre, according to officials in the department. It has numerous springs upon it, two streams, one known as Crooked Creek, and the other as Fish Water, and is a hilly, natural woodland tract, particularly adapted for wild life, Commissioner Wielandy said.

The two streams are clear water, spring fed, and will make excellent bass and game fish streams when stocked, he added. All varieties and species of wild animals and birds that can be propagated will be placed in the reserve, he also stated.

"We are hopeful that this is only the beginning wedge in the program to acquire a system of state parks", Commissioner Wielandy declared. He added that plans for the purchase of other tracts were being made and said that the tentative system of state parks will include tracts in eight or nine different sections in every part of Missouri.

The Lenox tract is only one-fourth of a mile from the Frisco Railroad and state highway No. 10 runs right past it, it was said. It has 36 miles of fencing and several small houses already upon it. It was bought from D. T. Lenox and his three sons, I.L., K. M. and H. W. Lenox, of Rolla. It has been used for cattle raising. Commissioner Wielandy said that it was the choice part of a 100,0000-acre tract.

Streets Decorated

Cape Girardeau, Dec. 16.—Competition among merchants of three business sections of Cape Girardeau has resulted this season in producing the most elaborate decorative scheme for the streets ever devised here. Main street merchants have erected an attractive row of small cedar trees, lighted at night, along the entire length of the thoroughfare. Broadway merchants combined to string a dazzling array of colored electric light streamers for a distance of seven blocks, while Good Hope Street stores centered on a gigantic Christmas tree, erected at a central location, and upon which will be hung presents for all the children of the district on the night before Christmas.

Merchants today report their Saturday business exceeded that of any corresponding day.

GERMAN WAR POWER GROWING SECRETLY

Paris, Dec. 12.—The report of the Interallied Control Commission in Germany is ready for submission. It will declare the Reich has made it impossible to hand control of its armament over to the League of Nations. The report will be made to the Council of Ambassadors next week.

The commission's investigation was to be final, so that control could be turned over to the league, which both the English and the French wished. The commission under this plan would have been abolished, but its report will be a surprise. The report will doubtless be seized upon by conservatives in France to oppose reduction of armaments here. Some of the points made in the report have been given to the correspondent.

The commission reports Germany has not fulfilled a single item of the disarmament obligations under the treaty. The Reichswehr has maintained a headquarters organization, has developed a new offensive strategy and has increased the Reichswehr forces surreptitiously to 200,000 men. The treaty limit is 100,000. The army as it stands is a powerful offensive weapon, with all manner of equipment including vast reserves of poison gas the report says.

The report declares artillery was found hidden at Kustrin and Koenigsberg. Munition factories have been working for the last two years and material ordered destroyed has only been hidden. These munitions have been sent to secret depots of which the commission discovered 139, obviously only a small proportion of those existing.

The Krupp works have begun to make war materials again, the report declares. Thirty thousand guns, quantities of gas, 8000 motors, 281 airplanes and spare parts were discovered. Chemical works with 100,000 workers produced 140,000,000 tons of chemicals of which, the report declares, a large amount is easily changeable into new and deadlier gases.

In short, the report will show allied control has failed. The question is whether the Council of Ambassadors can turn over control to the league. The alternative of exacting from Germany permission to let allied officers set up a new and more thorough system of control is considered politically impossible.

Of the many pretty homes that have been built in Sikeston during the year there are none prettier than that of Harry Martin on South Prairie. Drive by and see it and you will want one just like it.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. McCutchen have returned from St. Louis where they have been to book some special features among them being "North of 36", which is the equal or better than the "Covered Wagon." This picture is booked for Monday and Tuesday, December 22 and 23.

The burning subject of the day is Coal—can I get the kind I want, the grade that burns best in my stoves and get it when I need it? Our answer is—Yes, if you order from us.

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ENERGY COAL CO.

Miss Mary Elizabeth Marshall, who is attending the Monticello Seminary at Godfry, Ill., will arrive home Friday to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. B. F. Marshall.

Misses Helen Kready annd Annette Smith will arrive Friday to spend the Christmas holidays with homefolks. Miss Helen has been elected Vice-President of the Honorary Sorority Altha Sigma Tan of Lindenwood.

When times are tight or when adversity overtakes, there are only a few who will fight fair. We are thinking now of the difficult times of the past few years when homes and fortunes have been swept away, and in trying to salvage something out of the wreckage, a good many men have stooped to things that they would usualy not begin to do. We know of men who were fine fellows whtn the going was good that turned to be just the opposite. We know of men who accepted good sums for breeding stock, and were mighty careless in making out pedigrees for them, and some of the pedigrees are not yet made out. We know others who borrowed from banks in good faith and when the venture turned out badly, refused to pay the banks. These have been times to unbalance one,—no doubt about that for we have all experienced much, but the one thing that we should prize above all else is our own reputations for fairness and honesty, and sometimes we have held these all too cheap. They are the only really worth while things upon which there is no price, but they should be valued.—J. C. Price.

W. L. Gordon and family of Cape Girardeau spent Sunday in Sikeston with relatives.

Mrs. Jesse Kimes was called to Hayti Monday on account of serious illness of her father.

Hodge Decker and Taly Sams drove to Paducah, Ky., Sunday morning to visit G. E. Decker, brother of Hodge, who had three fingers torn from his hand in an accident. They returned to Sikeston Monday afternoon.

There will be a beautiful Christmas service at the Baptist Church called "The Nativily" on December 24 at 7:30 p. m. It will be given for the most part in the language of Scripture interspersed with beautiful song and symbolic customes. It is free to all who care to see and enjoy it.

Sunday morning at the Methodist Church there will be special Christmas music. The choir will be reinforced by several Christian College girls and will render these two beautiful numbers: "The First Christmas Morn",, "There Were Shepherds". The organ numbers will be: "The Voice of the Chimes", "Chorus of Angels' and "March of the Wise Men."

Gus Woods' Social Parlors in Sunset Addition has again been the scene of some high rolling. The officers arrived on the scene Tuesday night in time to catch thirteen of the colored gamesters and landed them in the city jail. They plead guilty and Mayor Felker assessed a fine to each, but rolling bones gather no money, so most of them will work their fines out on the streets.

Mr. and Mrs. Emory Matthews and Mrs. A. J. Matthews left Saturday morning for a few days visit in St. Louis.

The trial of Roscoe Richardson for transporting liquor was tried in the Circuit Court at Benton Monday and resulted in a hung jury. His brother, Will, plead guilty and was given two years in the penitentiary. These two negroes were the pair caught in the alley back of the Albritton place recently with two suit cases full of bottled mule. Roscoe Richardson said he owned the car that brought the whiskey from Illinois, but didn't know what was in the suit cases and the jury believed him.

O. W. Bennett, an Oregon county farmer, was arrested last week by the deputy United States marshal and taken to Springfield to answer to a charge of embezzling a wagon belonging to the government. He was bound over to the April term of Federal court at Springfield. The charge was made against Bennett by J. F. Botts, who has charge of the veterans bureau at Springfield. It is alleged that in the allotment of farming implements by the department to Charles Bennett, a former service man and brother of O. W. Bennett, the wagon in question was in excess of what should have been allotted to the veteran. The government officers made a demand that the wagon be returned, but instead of complying with this request Bennett turned the wagon over to his brother, it is claimed. This is the first case of this kind to come up before the Federal court at Springfield.—West Plains Gazette.

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C. L. BLANTON, EDITOR

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A good Christmas Gift for 1925 would be the Twice-a-Week Standard for 75 cents. This is good in every direction from Sikeston for 125 miles.

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The coming season will find the greatest number of crops grown on the farms of Southeast Missouri that has ever been, or we'll miss our guess. Patches of cotton, meadows of hay, fields of corn and sunflowers, peas for the seed and peas for the hay. Already the acreage of wheat is greater than last fall and to sow clover in the wheat in the early spring will give a paying crop of both wheat and hay. If every farm would put in some of the above, or all of them, keep a cow or two, a sow or two, some poultry and raise their own vegetables, there would be a different story to tell this time next year.

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Some three months ago the City Council condemned the cess pool at the laundry and to offset he seepage from this cess pool ordered chloride used to kill these germs. The cess pool has not been filled up and we are still taking into our stomach drainage water from the same wells. No wonder so many of our people have had nausea and sick stomach with severe vomiting. The thoughts of drinking such stuff is enough to disgust the stomach of an iron man. The Mayor said Chief of Police Kendall has orders to put a stop to hte laundry cess pool and the Police Chief says he is waiting for City Attornel Bailey to get out some sort of papers to serve —on the cess pool, we suppose. In the meantime we hope your stomach will enjoy the cess pool-chloride water until something is done to give us pure water.

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Many of our land owners have learned a lesson in the cotton game that will last them a life time. Up comes from the South, a few fellows short on money and long on nerve, and rent hundreds of acres of land with the understanding that they had sufficient financial backing to make and gather the crops. The papers were duly signed, negroes came and everything looked lovely to the land owner. When it was too late to seek other renters, the Southern planter informed Mr. Land Owner that his financial backers down home had laid down on him and it would be necessary for the land owner to cancel the lease or put up the money to make the crop. In some instances the lease was modified that the land owner held the bag from start to finish and got nothing for his part. In two instances the big cotton raiser jumped the community leaving bills behind and the bolls for the land owner to gather.

Our friend from a neighboring city who was offering encouragement to our football team in St. Louis, is forgiven by every Sikeston player and rooter, for they know the big hearted man would do his best for them in any way. The matter of a 15-yard penalty for his encouraging words on the field, mean nothing between friends.

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There is quite a bit of sport in running a newspaper, of course, but it takes money to buy paper, pay postage and the employes. This being the case, the management would like very much to have all subscribers who are in arrears, call at once, pay up to January 1, 1925, then set their paper ahead for one year for 75 cents. Unless this is done, there will be a number dropped from the rolls January 1, as we do not propose to be further imposed on.

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They had been planning to buy a radio set when the new baby arrived. When Johnny came home from school the nurse said she had something to show him. He thought of the expected radio set. Shown into the room he looked long and earnestly at the new baby brother, but without comment. Next day at school his teacher asked about the new baby. "Well, I expected a radio set, but still this baby acts something like one", replied Johnny. "When he isn't receiving he is broadcasting".—New London Record.

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It is quite probable that the next session of the Missouri state legislature will take some action towards prohibiting the use of pump guns and automatic rifles for hunting purposes in this state. It has been many years since the plea against the firearms was first instituted. In recent years many states have passed various lauditory laws for the protection of our game from unnecessary slaughter and public opinion has slowly come around to the point of view which will make such legislation regarding the pump and automatic guns possible. The law prohibiting the use of these kinds of firearms at the present has been adopted, as far as can be learned, in only two states, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. It is confidently believed, however, that the next session of the Missouri legislature will take action against the pump guns.—West Plains Gazette.

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The War Department urges all veterans who intend to apply for the adjusted compensation to do so now, or if they do not intend to apply, to notify the department to that effect at once. Delay increases the cost to the taxpayer of handling the adjusted compensation and delay in applying may place the veteran in another insurance year and thus decrease the benefit that he should receive. Should he die without applying, his beneficiaries receive at he time of his death but one-third of the total amount due that they would have received had he filed his application. A large number of applications have been returned for correction nad but few of these have ben received back at the department. All army posts and army and navy recruiting stations are ready to serve the veterans by assisting them in making out their applications, making corrections, taking finger prints and helping them in every possible way.

Just A Minute In Washington

Washington, Dec. 10.—Washington suggests nothing so much just now as the graveyards of our late national ideals. It is as still as graveyards habitually are, a stately and beautiful burying ground of which no fine thing that has perished need be ashamed. On Wednesday, when I reached the city, there was not a single news story under a Washington date line upon the front page of the New York morning papers. There is no news in Washingon. There has not been any since the election, nor does anyone know when there will be some. All is funeral, quiet, the world forgetting, by the world forgot. The great architectural piles stand about in the stiff and sepulchral fashion of mausoleums. Only the Washington monument, ever holding its slender, needle-like plinth straight to the sky, as if pointing somehow the way out, seems triumphant over the desolate scene.

I had not been in Washington since last spring. Then the city was in a fever of excitement. The Republicans were going about like men about to be hanged, and the Democrats were jubilant in the confidence of soon coming into power. Today the Democrats go about as if they were stunned. Something hit them, something hard and heavy, like a ton of brick. You never see one of them smile. That joyous chatter in which they were all gleefully engaged last spring has been hushed, and when two of them meet the memory of it is too bitter for more than a cold nod

And the Republicans? Are they, whom we all joined together to save from the gallows; whose deliverance from impending doom has not been paralleled since the children of Israel saw the Red Sea close over Pharaoh and his terrible host; are they happy and laughing, and do they cheerily greet one another as if in the gladness of a common salvation? They do not. They, too, strangely enough, are sad and tho'tful. That onne-time delighted army of public office holders and politicians which rushed back innto Washington at the coat-tails of Harding to deluge Washingon with its numbers and make the Capitol ring with its homecoming, lies quietly upon its arms not quite understanding why it did not get hell knocked out of it last month, and distrusting the ease with which it won. There was never a more sober-sided session of Congress than this one; a more unjoyous leadership or a thicker pervasion of the spirit of Ho-hum-and-what-next. One might suppose that this is because Congress is holding only a short session, is not yet organized under the new dispensation and is, therefore, only perfunctorily meeting. Granted, but that is not why Washington has such an archeological aspect and seldom gets on the front page.

The fact is that after so much excitement and such a complete upset of everybody's expectations, an upset in which old-fashioned beliefs such as that honesty is the best policy or that public office is a public trust, went for nothing, and an entirely unheard-of appraisal was made of political parties. Washington is resting and quietly adjusting herself to the new era. The Democrats realize that they must have some better reason for having a party than that everbody was not on one side in the Civil War, and the Republican insurgents are beginning to see that east is east and west is west only when corn and wheat are under a dollar. It is only the Republicans proper, after their surprising victory over the Democrats and the Republicans improper, who are in doubt. They don't know whether we meant to say that they can make off with whatever they like or would, after all, rather trust them to know when to stop than anyone else we have in mind. This is naturally a very grave dilemma, and right gravely do the Republicans face it. They have not that oracularism that once they had. The intellectual and star-reading Lodge is gone. Mr. Coolidge is delphic enough, but his delphism is of a kind that does not expresse itself in party leadership. There are inarticulate, if in so profound a quiet they could be called such, cries for Dawes. Either Dawes will become the party strategist or that distinction will fall to Senator Pepper. Like Mr. Coolidge, Senator Pepper never says damn. Dawes does. Whoever leads the Republicans into an understanding of what the late election really meant will have to say damn. That is, he will have to be worldly enough to kniw us all very well and be able to say whether we meant to give the Republicans carte blanche or meant only to give them another chance. Dawes is worldly, Mr. Coolidge meanwhile, especially since he went to a football game without his overcoat, is quietly pointing the way to a philosophy that may in time carry the party with it. It is the philosophy of doing without. Even granting that we did mean to tell the Republicans to go as far as they like, Mr. Coolidge interposes by his daily obstemiousness the pertinent objection that we need even less than we have. He that could wear four overcoats if he wanted them, or could engage in whatever vain show pleased him, wears no overcoat and makes no show at all. How could anybody take that which does not belong to him or belongs to us in the face of that quiet example? Maybe we did not rebuke the orgies and the luxuries, the lust for money, of the Harding regime; but Mr. Coolidge in his daily life, overcoatless and showless, counting as dross what once they thought in Washington was all, is rebuking it morning, noon and night.

So there is that influence working while the party waits.—McAdams in Post-Dispatch.

In the Philippines there is a grass, known as "cogon", which grows as high as a man's head and has roots so tough that no ordinary animals can drag a plow through it. It has been the ruin of thousands of farmers who by the use of fertilizers and other modern methods have tried to keep the same fields under cultivation for many years.

W. J. McCulley, an employee of the Truitt elevator, was killed last week while investigating the machinery of a gasoline engine at Swift. With his head thrust through the spokes of a large drive wheel, he accidentally touched the spring controlling the ignition trip. The motor back-fired, causing the wheel to revolve, frightfully crushing his forehead.—Portageville Missourian.

There are at least fifty camps of hunters in the Irish Wilderness country of Oregon county, and the camps extend into Shannon, Ripley and Carter counties, every man in each camp armed with a high powered gun and laying in wait for a deer. The state game laws permit killing of deer during the month of December only, and then only one buck to each hunter. A number of deputy state game wardens are in the wilderness to see that the hunters observe the laws. Last week when a hunter from Mansleld killed a deer, loaded the animal in his car and started for home, Deputy Game Warden John C. Freeland was on his trail. The warden drove to West Plains and wired the hunter that he was coming to Mansleld to see the hide of the deer. The warden wanted to know if it was a buck.—West Plains Gazette.

Christmas can be made much more pleasant by shopping deliberately than by postponing the buying of gifts until the last few days before Decemebr 25. Now the stocks are fresh and the assortments are large. But they will not remain that way long. Scores upon score of shoppers have profited by the mistakes of other years and are buying early this year. They realize the folly of waiting until the choicest gifts have been purchased by wise shoppers. If you have not prepared a gift list, don't put off doing it another day. Write down the names of those whom you expect to remember at Christmastime and jot down some suggestions. Then visit the stores who ask for your trade, where you will find a greater variety of gift things than is to be afforded the shoppers of trading centers much larger than this.

Rebuild An Ancient Road

Vladikavkaz, Caucasus, Dec. 13.—Soviet engineers have begun important reconstruction work on the great Georgian military highway which runs from Viadikavkaz to Tifis and connects Russia with the Caucasian states. Begun more than one hundred years ago by czarist engineers, the road, which runs 150 miles thru the step Caucasian Mountains, is now in a bad state of repair and will require millions of dollars for its reconstruction.

As an engineering achievement the highway probably exceeds any similar project in Europe. It took thirty years to build it and it cost 35 million dollars. It has figured conspicuously in all the wars in the last century. Throughout its entire course the traveler finds an unending panorama of superb mountain scenery, gorges, rivers, lakes, glaciers, ravines waterfalls ancient fortresses and castles.

There are several huge glacier fields close to the highway which from time to time cause dangerous landslides frequently resulting in the loss of life. Recently a prominent Russian engineer was caught in one of these avalanches and swept to death. His body was never recovered. Soviet contractors are now replacing many of the gigantic wooden, steel and concrete walls and barriers which protect the road from snowslides but which have become rotted from years of use.

Electric eels found in the River Amazon are said to be capable of discharging a shock sufficient to stun a man.

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Choice, tender Spring Fowls that will make your Christmas Dinner a real success. Let us lay aside for you today the Fowl you prefer. We will deliver it whenever you specify. Be sure to tell us the weight you want, if you phone your order.

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UPTOWN AND FRISCO

ANDRES MEAT MARKETS

Notice to Taxpayers

Notice is hereby given that I will have C. L. Blanton, Jr., receive taxes at Sikeston from December 1st to December 31st. Office at City Hall, Sikeston, Missouri.

EMIL STECK

Collector Scott County, Missouri

He also has your delinquent taxes.

THREE BERTRAND BOYS JAILED FOR STEALING

Claron Mitchell and Clinton Mitchell, brothers, and Berman Burt, from near Bertrand, were arrested by Deputy Sheriff Burks and Chief of Police Kendall, Wdenesday evening, and placed in jail charged with grand larceny.

The electric lights went out for a short time and a negro man who was standing in the H. & S. Economy Store at the time, saw a young white man grab up some manicure sets and leave the store. The negro followed him and saw him place the articles in a car parked on Front Street, south of the Farmers Dry Goods store. He hurried to the H. & S. Store and told Mr. Hill of the occurrence. Mr. Hill went with the negro to the car and found the manicure sets as well as numerous other artirles piled in the car. Deputy Sheriff Burks and Chief Kendall were notified and took a stand nearby and it was but a short time until one of the youths came to the car and took something out of his overcoat and placed it in the car. The officers arrested him, took him to jail, when he told them of his companions and they were arrested by Officer Kendall and placed in jail.

On searching the car, there were found the manicure sets stolen from the H. & S., shirts taken from Lehman & Foster's, trousers from Citizens Store Co., shirts from Sikeston Mercantile Co., shirts and trousers from Buckner-Ragsdale Store Co., 2 boxes of perfume from White's Drug Store and two pair of trousers from I. Becker's.

The amount of good stolen will total more than $100 which will insure a penitentiary sentence for the guilty ones.

The merchants who lost the goods will give the negro man a suitable reward for his part in placing these boys behind the bars. These boys range in age from about 18 to 22 years.

Give a Gillete tire.—Farmers Supply Co.

A. F. Lindsay left Wednesday for a business trip to McKenzie, Tenn.

Miss Burnice Tanner and Arthur Barrett visited in Doniphan Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Hoke of Port Arthur, Texas, arrived Tuesday for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Williams.

Mrs. Craven Watkins and infant son returned Friday morning from Cape Girardeau and are at their home on William Street.

A flawless emerald (and there are very few without flaws) is worth, carat for carat, three times the value of a simila diamond.

"North of 36", as stated in another part of The Standard as appearing at the Malone Theatre Monday and Tuesday, December 22 and 23, should read December 29 and 30, as this play follows the coming week attraction. This picture is showing at the Missouri Theatre in St. Louis this week and the press speaks very complimentary of it, in fact, says it is the equal if not superior to the "Covered Wagon".

BRIDGING OF MAJOR STREAMS POSSIBLE BY FEDERAL AID

One of the most helpful results of Federal aid to road construction has been the bridging of major streams which it has encouraged and made possible, acording to the annual report orf the Bureau of Public Roads of the United States Department of Agriculture. Such streams are, in many cases, the boundaries of counties or States, and the necessity of securing joint action of the authorities of two political divisions, coupled with the inadequacy of funds available, has made the construction of modern structures over wide rivers an almost hopeless problem. Yet it is evident that no continuous road system is possible without bridging these barriers.

Federal aid and the co-ordinating influence of the Federal Government have been the means of securing practical action in a great many cases of this sort. The careful study of the principal lines of travel leading to the designation of the Federal-aid highway system has developed clearly the need of bridges of this character over certain streams and has brought about agreement as to the locations in which the bridges should be built. This benefit has been experienced by the majority of the States, especially those of the South and the Mississippi Valley.

Presbyterian Church

Odd Fellows Hall, East Center and Kingshighway.

Service for Sunday, December 21.

10:00 a. m.—Sunday School.

A loyal treat will be given to the children in attendance. Parents bring the children.

11:00 a. m—Christmas sermon by acting pastor H. L. Saunders. "What Christmas Should Mean to the World".

7:00 p. m.—Sermon. "Publishing Glad Tidings"

We live our welcome. Spend next Sabbath with us. A day in God's house is a splendid investment. Try it.

H. L. SAUNDERS

Pottery at Farmers Supply Co.

Judge Frank Kelly called a special grand jury to meet at Benton at 1:00 o'clock on Wednesday.

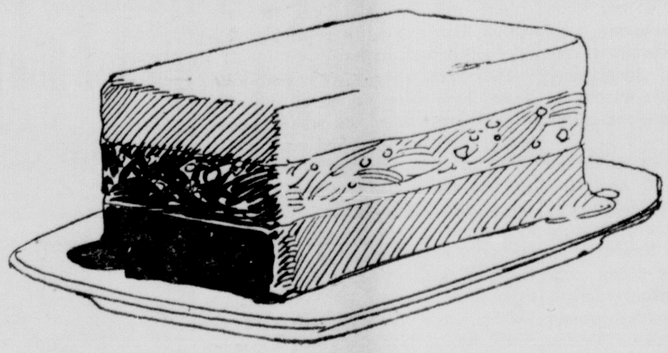
Mesdames Earl Johnson, W. A. Anthony, Earl Pate and Clay Stubbs were Cape Girardeau visitors Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. McCutchen spent several days of last week in St. Louis booking new pictures for the Malone Theatre.

Some very beautiful show windows are to be seen in Sikeston at this time. In fact, with the exception of half a dozen establishments, all have the Christmas spirit.

The following girls, who are atending Christian College, Columbia, will arrive Friday to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents: Misses Anita Winchester, Lillian Shields, Martha Gresham, Mildred Stubblefield, Honora Bailey, Sara Malone, Lottie Dover and Catherine Blanton, secretary to the president of Christion College.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS ICE CREAM



So many folks have formed the sensible habit of serving Ice Cream as dessert after a heavy Christmas dinner, that we are this year offering a delicious, rich Neopolitan Brick, composed of Holiday Pudding, Butter Scotch and Black Walnut at the special price of 50c per Brick.

Serve It and You Please All

You may secure them at

The Bijou Phone 152

Dudley's Place Phone 76

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'ARGENTINE LOVE' AT THE MALONE THEATRE

The newest romance by Vincente Blasco Ibanez, "Argentine Love", a Paramount peiture produced by Allan Dwan with Bebe Daniels and Ricardo Cortez featured in the principal roles, comes to the Malone Theatre Monday and Tuesday nights.

The story, as the title indicates, is a South American love-drama, rich in color and teeming with fast-moving action. Miss Daniels is cast in the role of Consuelo Garcia, a young Spanish girl who flouts all the old, time-worn customs and traditions of her race and manages the affairs of her heart to suit herself.

It is the custom in the Argentine for the parents to do all the picking of a life mate. But not so for Consuelo. She has been to the United States, absorbed a new world polish and acquired, among other things, a fiance—a young American engineer who accompanies her to the Argentine where his work brings him.

Needless to say, the girl's parents are furious—and when Juan Martin, the financial king of the little town of Alcorta, comes to claim his bride, there is the very dickens to pay. Consuelo simply will have none of him and tells him so. Martin claims her as his own and vows that no one else will ever have her.

Consuelo's parents, who have been having quite a hard time of it financially, point out to the girl that her education, everything was paid for by Juan Martin. She owes much to him. But even this fails to change the girl. She leaves the house in a huff and goes with a faithful old nurse to live in a deserted hacienda that had once been her father's home.

Martin has her every move reported to him and he kills a man in a fit of jealous rage over Consuelo.. He is a fugitive from justice though the townspeople place the entire blame for the affair on Consuelo. They flog her in the public square. Phillip Sears, the American engineer, arrives just in time to save her from the mob. The scenes that follow—wherein Martin gets all that is coming to him and Sears and the girl are united—bring the production to a fitting climax.

Allan Dwan has made a most interesting picture in "Argentine Love", a picture that is sure to please everyone.

Cortez, of course, has the role of the hot-blooded Spanish lover. James Rennie, heading a strong supporting cast, is Phillip Sears. Others include Mario Majeroni, Aurelio Coccia, Russ Whital, Alice Chapin, Julia Hurley and Mark Gonzales.

John Russell adapted the story to the screen.

Out-door gifts for the boys.—Farmers Supply Co.

A recent survey by the United States Department of Agriculture shows that 70 per cent of all co-operative cheese factories in the United States are in Wisconsin, that 60 per cent of farmers belonging to such enterprises are located in that State, and that 70 per cent of the business handled in 1923 by co-operative associations for marketing cheese was handled by Wisconsin organizations.

NEW P AND L. STOCK STILL COMING IN

Since the last list of new shareholders in the Sikeston Building and Loan Association was published, one hundred new shares have been subscribed as follows:

Name	Shares
C. E. Felker	10
Melvin Bowman	10
Frank Martin	10
Effie M. Campbell	10
Milbourn Arbaugh	10
John F. Burks	10
Jake Goldstein	10
Roy H. Wagner	10
H. P. Deevers	5
W. L. Huters	5
Byron M. Crain	5
C. L. Malone	5

The By-Laws of the Association say that no one shareholder shall hold more than 40 shares. So far only two, Harry Lampert and Mrs. Faith Sherry Brenton, both of Sikeston, have the limit of 40 shares. The accumulations on the shares of these members are piling up at a great rate and this astute business man and woman would gladly take more shares if they were permitted to do so, and as the limit will likely be raised in the changes that are being contemplated in the by-laws, they will soon be permitted to take out more shares. Sinre many of the present shareholders are taking out more stock, there will soon be many holding 40 shares or more.

A thorough canvass of Sikeston is being made as rapidly as possible and as soon as this is done, salesmen will go to other cities in an effort to enlarge the shareholding body. The Association is taking on new life and is growing by leaps and bounds. Those who are not saving their money as they would like and who are not now investing their money so as to make it yield them the highest returns, should get into this money-making institution now. Every day someone bemoans the fact that he did not get into the Building and Loan Association several years ago, since if he had done so, he would now have several hundred dollars saved up. You will never regret the step you take when you first subssribe for B. & L. stork.

MODERN WOODMAN ELECTED NEW OFFICERS WEDNESDAY

The Modern Woodmen met Wednesday night, December 17, and elected officers for the ensuing year.

The officers elected were:

C. C. White, Consul.
J. A. O'Hara, Advisor.
P. H. Stevenson, Secretary.
P. H. Gross, Banker.
Grady Davis, Escort.
John Meldrum, Chief Forester.
Alton Cravens, Watchman.
Harry Gross, Sentry.

On January 6th, the Woodmen will have an oyster supper at their hall.

Community ware at reduced prices.—Farmers Supply Co., Hardware Department.

Mrs. L. M. Stallcup and Mrs. E. P. Colmean are home from a short visit with Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Clay of Memphis, Tenn

LOCAL AND PERSONAL FROM NEW MADRID

The Thursday Afternoon Club spent a very pleasant time at the home of Mrs. Harry Sharp, who entertained them, using as substitutes Mesdames J. C. St. Mary, R. L. Simmons and Miss Linda Stewart. The trophy, a box of stationery was given Mrs. Simmons for her successful playing. Concluding the game, a very dainty salad luncheon was served.

Mrs. Willard Russell of Sikeston was a guest of Mrs. Curtis Buesching last Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bloomfield and the latter's mother, Mrs. Thos. Gallivan, returned last Thursday from Bunceton, Ind., where they visited relatives and friends.

J. M. Miles went to Cairo last Thursday to visit his new born son, David Neal.

Howard Morrison of Sikeston was a business visitor in New Madrid on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Shy have moved from their country home to New Madrid occupying the Shirly house.

Judge W. L. Stacy of Sikeston was a business visitor in New Madrid last Friday.

J. R. Grabenhorst, of Canalou, was looking after business matters in New Madrid, Friday.

Geo. De Lisle of Portageville spent Friday in New Madrid.

Attorney E. F. Sharp of Marston made a professional trip to our city Thursday.

Miss Annie Howard was in Sikeston on business last Friday.

Mrs. Jennie Hendricks, after a week's illness of pneumonia, died at her home in this city, Sunday afternoon about 2 o'clock. Arrangements for the funeral have not been completed at this writing.

Miss Lucy Bird to Mrs. Nelie Bird Houser: 120.88 acres, sections 7 8 and 9, twp. 25, range 14. $1.00 and Mutual Division of a tract of land.

C. J. Ilmstead and wife to R. R. Givens and John T. Parrish. Lot 3 and the S½ of lot 2 in blk. 56, City of Morehouse. $350.

Givens and Parrish to Mattie Braswell: Lot 3 and south half of lot 2 in blk. 56 city of Morehouse. $250.

Bettie Matthews et al to J. N. Gossett and wife: Lot 1 Matthews 6th addition to Matthews.

T. G. Blackwell to B. E. Patterson: SW¼ of the SW¼ sec. 35 and all east of the center line of the dredged ditch in the SE¼ of the SE¼ sec. 34-22-11, containing 60 cares.

Ellen Chatham to Amelia Waltrip: Lots 11, 12 and 13 in blk. 3 Waltrip's 2nd addition to the city of Portageville, $250.

T. A. Lee and wife to Chas. McGee and Mamie McGee: Tract of land containing 6-10 acres in the SE¼ of the SE¼ sec. 25, twp. 21, range 12, city of Portageville $250.

Adolph Branham and wife to Max Feinstein and R. I. Ellington: Lots 8 and 9 block 12 in the original town of Portageville. $13,250.00.

J. N. Gossett and wife to Frank Parsons: Lot 2 in 2nd add. Matthews, containing 5.80 acres in the N½ 6-24-14 and lot 3, containing 2.71 acres NW¼ sec. 6-24-14.

Marriage License

E. A. Coats of Lilbourn and Annie Carswell of Talbotton, Ga.

Cash England and Mary Oliver, New Madrid.

James Redman and Annie Pitman, near Malden.

Painted Tally Cards

Among the delightful gifts that even an amateur artist can make are tally and score cards. Every hostess who receives them will be twice pleased, for no gifts are so cherished as those made by the donor. A graceful decorative design is shown in the illustration, simply as a suggestion—for there is no end to the ways in which the characters on playing cards are introduced in decorations.

ACTION ON SUGAR INQUIRY IS NEAR

Washington, Dec. 12.—Indications were given at the White House today that action by President Coolidge might be expected at almost any time on the sugar inquiry conducted by the Tariff Commission.

The nature of the action to be taken has not been disclosed, but many of those acquainted with the progress of the two-year inquiry made by the commission expect the executive to decide upon retention of the present sugar duties of 1.76c on Cuban and 2.20c on cugar from other foreign countries.

The sugar tariff inquiry was initiated by the Tariff Commission on application filed in November, 1922, by the United States Sugar Association, an organization of American refiners with producing properties in Cuba, which asked that the duty of 50 per cent, the maximum possible under the flexible provisions of the tariff act, be reduced.

The commission divided in its report to the President last July, Chairman Marvin and Commissioner Burgess holding for retention of the existing rates and Vice Chairman Culbertson and Mrs. Costigan and Lewis recommending a reduction to 1.23c for Cuban sugar. Commissioner Glassie did not participate in the report because of disqualification. The President subsequently asked for additional information from the commission and the Department of Agriculture, which recently was furnished to him.

Hodge Decker, Jr., is one of the many who is on the sick list this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Pitman and Mrs. Forest Hobbs spent Wednesday afternoon in Cape Girardeau.

Miss Kate Austin, Mrs. Hodge Decker, Hodge Decker, Jr., and Ben F. Marshall were Cape Girardeau visitors Monday.

Jack and Bill Bowman, who are attending Westminster, Fulton, Mo., Lynn Smith and John Sikes of Kemper Military School, Booneville; Billy Keith from the School of Mines at Rolla, Milton Blanton from Georgia Tech. Atlanta, Ga., are all expected in Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with homefolks.

PARKER'S DU-FOLD FOUNTAIN PENS
The Gift Shop
DERRIS, THE DRUGGIST

The Priceless Gift

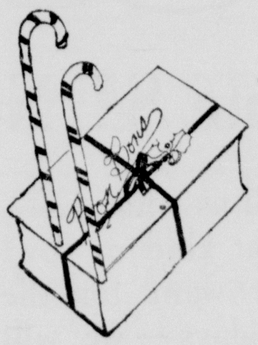
Eyesight has been rightfully called the priceless gift, so now, during the gift season, it is most fitting that you have your priceless gift properly fitted with glasses that will preserve your eyes and prevent undue strain from their use.

Dr. E. C. LONG

McCoy-Tanner Bldg. Sikeston, Mo.

SERVING TRAYS
The Gift Shop
DERRIS, THE DRUGGIST

A Christmas Treat



Whatever other candy you may be planning to buy for Christmas, for good measure and greater satisfaction you want to be sure to include a box of Whitman's. It's the real Christmas Candy.

Dudley's Confectionery
Sikeston, Mo.

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C. L. BLANTON, EDITOR

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The way of the transgressor is hard if you get caught.

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Guy Calvin and daughter Geneva and son J. H., and John Calvin, of Sikeston, Mo., were Cairo visitors Saturday.—Cairo Citizen.

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When one is frisking, frolicing and basking in the smiles of the vampire, he gives little thought that the minions of the law may be camping on this trail, but when the jail doors close on him, he has plenty of time to ponder over the uncertainties of life.

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This should be a merry Christmas to most everyone in Sikeston as few people have been out of work and all are able to have Santa Claus visit them in some manner. The shoe factory payroll has certainly been a God's send to Sikeston families and Sikeston merchants.

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An actual "brotherhood of man" can come only by sobriety, by industry, by service, by tolerance and affection. It cannot come by selfishness, by greed, by avarice, by dishonesty or disloyalty. Unjust gain by big business is wrong. Tying the hands of legitimate business is just as wrong and worse, for this destroys with positively no benefit. After all, business is ourselves. Business is what we as individuals gathered into a great whole, make it. A good man succeeds in any business, but he must give something of fully as great value as he receives, in fact usually more. To talk of the worker getting all the gain from his labor is childish. To talk of any one getting all the produce from his industry is without reason or thought. Giving something better,—giving greater value in either a day's work, in a publication, a railway or whatever it may be, is the marked road to success There is no other way.—J. C. Price.

TWO MORE MISSOURI HIGHWAYS ABOUT READY

Poplar Bluff, Dec. 13.—Two of the most beautiful automobile routes in Missouri probably will be available to motorists by next summer. These routes are State highway No. 16, from Bird's Point and Sikeston through Poplar Bluff to Springfield, and No. 16 and No. 7, from Poplar Bluff thru Wlilow Springs to Jefferson City. In combination with No. 9, the Lemay Ferry road from St. Louis htrough De Soto and Flat River, and No. 9 to Cape Girardeau to Sikeston (later No. 9 through Flat River), No. 23 from its intersection with No. 9 at Fredericktown, and the highway from St. Louis through Gray's Summit, Union, Rolla and Springfield, they will give all Southwest Missouri and the St. Louis district a new series of scenic week-end and vacation tours.

No. 16 is about 75 per cent complete from Poplar Bluff to Springfield, and travel is reported possible over it at all times. No. 16 is virtually finished from Poplar Bluff as far as Willow Springs. Except for a short stretch in Butler county, 10 miles northwest of Poplar Bluff, it is finished in this (Butler) county. Highway officials declare that this stretch will be completed within 90 days.

Many tourists are using No. 16 in preference to the admittedly beautiful route from Poplar Bluff west through Doniphan over No. 42 to Alton nad No. 19 to Thayer, near the Arkansas line, then northwestward through West Plains to Willow Springs and on to Springfield.

The Jefferson City route from Poplar Bluff goes over No. 16 to Willow Springs where it swings northwestward on combined Nos. 16 and 7 to Cabool then northward on No. 7 thru Houston, Rolla, Vienna and Westphalia to Jefferson City. Between Cabool and Rolla this route is the same as that advocated by the Automobile Club of Missouri Touring Bureau for traveling from St. Louis to Springfield. There is much construction work under way on No. 7, and advices are that this road will be virtually completed next year, probably by the middle of summer.

Completion some time ago of the concrete eastward from Poplar Bluff on No. 16 to Dudley has made it possible for hundreds of tourists to use that route from Cairo westward. In fact, a number of them declare that the best way to cross Missouri is by the Cairo-Poplar Bluff-Springfield-Joplin route. The only difficulty on it is experienced in the mountainous regions.

The Standard $1.50, per year.

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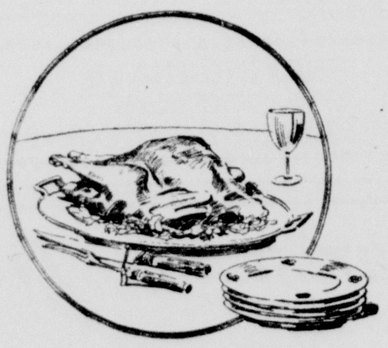

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Tell us what size—what kind of fowl you want for the holidays — we will have it ready for you.
We will deliver it at the time you want it.

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Sellards Meat Market

TO PROBE THE SECRETS OF THE "MEADOW OF DEATH"

A small sailing vessel bound from the Azores to the Bahamas has been becalmed for a week. Toward the evening of a brilliant, sultry day a snappy breeze springs up from the East and the schooner flies merrily onward into the night.

During the midnight watch, however, the wind dies down again, despite the lookout's persistent superstitious whistling for it. Then queer noises startle the man on watch; he looks down at the sea—and gasps with amazement.

Burning bushes everywhere in the water! Great patches of quivering phosphorescent light, some far underneath the surface, others floating above it. Sporting fish, leaving behind them trails of eerie green and yellow bubbles. Wriggling forms, leisurely winding themselves around glistening stems and stalks. As far as the eye can reach the sea is afire, alive, ghostly.

The crew, aroused by the lookout's cry, assemble on deck. They stand there horrified, and fascinated.

Morning brings a hot sun, floating in an ashen sky, which acts as a tent covering for the smooth, solid indigo of the ocean. The ship is entangled in sea growths, locked fast in an illimitable meadow of weeds—not solid enough to walk on, not thin enough for even a small boat to cut through.

The vessel drifts in a sluggish current around and around in a single great circle, through and with debris: logs, planks, casks, half-decayed animal carcasses.

On the second day a ship is sighted. They float closer and closer to it; pass it slowly. Its scuppers are level with the surface of the morass; its prow is submerged; its masts are tilted at crasy angles. It is manned only by a heap of skeletons and whitened bones, about which cling and flutter tattered remnants of cloth and string.

Thus the schooner floats about, helpless, as the days lengthen into weeks and months. The men, terror-stricken, famished and athirst, madden and perish slowly. There is no escape. Even the occasional squalls cannot drive the bark through those grisly masses of marine refuse and out into the open water.

Such is a characteristic tragedy of the dread Sargasso Sea, the Atlantic's "meadow of death". Few ships have ever explored its heart and returned again to port. Hundreds, perhaps thousands, have remained entombed there. It guards its tragic secrets jealously.

Early next year, however, the Sargasso Sea will be systematically penetrated. An American ship is now being fitted out to engage in battle with the weeds. It will be manned by a picked party of scientists, headed by the famous William Beebe and sponsored by the New York Zoological Society.

Henry D. Whiton, president of the Union Sulphur Company, has granted to the expedition the use of his 280-foot, 2475-ton steamer, the Arcturus, which is now being refitted at Hoboken with specially designed weed-proof propellers to enable it to cut through the ocean jungle safely. It will also be equipped with submarine windows in its lower sides and bottom, through which scientific observations can be made. A novel ledge or passage will be built around the vessel just above the waterline. A prow platform resembling the cowcatcher of a locomotive will be installed and made lowerable to a point from which specimens can be scooped up as the ship proceeds. Diving apparatus will be carried for work in shallow waters, and all known devices for deep-sea dredging will be taken along. The equipment will also include a fleet of smal boats some of them glass bottomed.

The Arcturus thus prepared for its journey into the real ocean wilderness, will sail some time in January and remain in the Sargasso latitudes about six months. It will be a tremendous romantic adventure—altho' officially its purposes are strictly scientific, it being the ninth expedition of the societys department of tropical research.

William Beebe already has achieved prominence as an adventurer scientist of extraordinary attainments. From his last voyage, to Galapagos, a lonely volcanic peak far out in the Pacific off the coast of hili, he brought home specimens of ferocious prehistoric lizards and dragon-like toads. Also tales, passing strange, of hardship, famine and dangers, all effectively and hardily overcome. But his projected struggle againnst the mysterious enemies of Sargasso holds more fascination, more terror, than anything he has yet attempted.

His primary object this time, he has explained, will be to study the bizarre fishes and other organisms which live in the depths of the weedy sea, about which very little is known.

"We will go out to get a specimen of the giant squid, for one thing", said Mr. Beebe. "Nothing is known about these fearsome beasts except that whales have been seen fighting with them, engaging in terrific struggles that churned the water and dyed it red. A few remains of these octopi have been found in the stomachs of captured whales. In one case there is a record of finding an arm, or sucking tentacle, of one of these creatures twenty-seven feet in length. This would indicate that the monster, whose limb it was, measured at least fifty-eight feet across.

This giant squid is a man-killer. There have been occasions on which it has ben known to attack heavy boats, capsize them, and strangle the men in them, meanwhile poisoning the sea water by injecting into it an inky-black fluid. Unless it is stabbed in its central "heart" where the tentacles converge in a mass of tough flseh, punctuated by two small, cruel eyes, the monster is invulnerable. Victor Hugo, in his "Toilers of the Sea", has vividly described a combat in which a man barely escapes from the clutches of the 8-armed beast.

"Another rare fish we expect to capture", added Mr. Beebe, "is one which is luminescent, with different colored patches of light on its body and head. Of this animal no specimen has ever been preserved alive".

The Sargasso Sea itself was really discovered by Christopher Columbus in 1492 on his first voyage to Amerira. Columbus' little flee. was involved in the weeds for two weeks. He managed to exrirate his raravels, but not until he had quelled a mutiny on board, inspired probably by the terrors of this "marine rubbish heap, where the Atlantic deposits all its refhse". Colnmbus himself called it the "Mare de Sarcaso", the Sea Weeds.

But its presence had been vaguely noted long before the days of Columbus. Ovid the ancient Latin poet, called it the Seaweed Meadow and suggested that it might be overlying the very place where the fabled continent of proud Atlantis and the golden gardens of the Hesperides stood before they were engulfed by the ocean in a might cataclysm of Nature. If he was right the spot is doubly justified in its title of the "Graveyard of the Atlantic".

Its exact situation has been determined as between the 25th and 30th degrees of norh latitude and between the 38th and 60th degrees of west longitude. It thus lies to the north and northeast of Cuba. Some voyagers declare it is really so large that the whole continent of Europe could be superimposed upon it without covering up its outermost edges.

Why does this romantic and miraculous floating terror gather and clasp into its bosom all the unattached wreckage from the Gulf of Mexico and the Carribbean Sea? What has caused the formation of this grim death-trap of the ocean?

It is in reality a huge eddying whirlpool, circulating sluggishly but irresistibly. Ocean currents keep it moving year after year. The so-called main equatorial current strikes directly across the Atlantic from the mid-western coast of Africa to Brazil. The gulf stream flows northward along the Florida coast, then eastward toward the British Isles. Thus the Sargasso Sea lies in a mighty oceanic "hollow", around which these streams are forever circulating.

Like any other whirlpool, it draws into its center, during century after century, everything that floats into it; trunks of trees from the forests of Brazil, cast out by the Amazon; logwood from Honduras, orange trees from Florida, casks and boats from the West Indies, staved-in wrecks and remains of all the devastating storms of the Atlantic, old keels and skeletons of lost ships, so covered with barnacles, shells and weeds as to be entirely lost to view; and every now and then a living ship has been drawn in here to its living death.

The Sargasso Sea has been avoided by mariners for generations—even after the advent of the stream-driven vessels.

Its peculiar straw-colored seaweed thrives on its garbage-like nourishment. It has been growing—expanding—for hundreds of years; growing thicker and spreading more and more.

What will be its end? Some scientists have suggested that it will eventually decay and turn into a great coal deposit, which may in the fuutre supply the world with all the fuel it needs. The findings of the present Beebe expedition may, then, among othe things, throw some light on this interesting possibility.—K. C. Star.

When a man walks a mile he takes on an average of 2263 steps, but when he rides a bicycle with an average year, he covers a mile with an equivalent of only 627 steps.

Izaak Walton's cottage at Shallowford, five miles from Stafford, England, has been restored and will henceforth be open to all fishermen —"compleat" or otherwise— who may car to make a pilgrimage to it. It is described as "little bigger than a match-box". America's anglers contributed liberally to the cottage's preservation.

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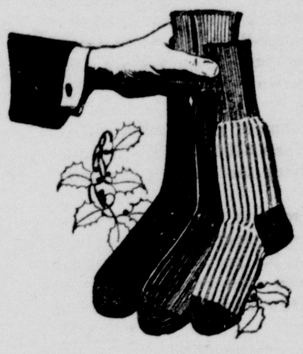

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If we must record the sordid and bitter things of life, let us write them in the shifting sands, where winds and waters both erase. Nor record them at all in our hearts, nor carve them in anything lasting. We are coming to the close of another fleeting year—one that has filled both heart and bin—and renewed our thought and strengthened our faith in all that is better. We have every promise that there shall be no lack. We have every promise of good returned for good given, and with thankfulness and charity, let us round out this season and let the closing pages of the year bear only the gifts of joy, and may the only things that we record be those things we would wish to see and live again. Let every morn be Christmas.—Farmer and Stockman.

Buddy Matthews will arrive Saturday to spend Christmas with homefolks.

The municipal authorities in Paris ae gradualy dispensing with women as street cleaners who during the war period and for some time afterward did all of the cleaning of the sreets.

An "electric" hen at Petaluma, Cal., hatches 500,000 eggs in one setting.

Of the hundreds of nurses sent by one religious order to tend the sufferers in leper colonies not one has ever contracted the dread disease.

At the age of 80 years, Dowager Queen Alexandra of England, still retains her health, her only defects being a slight failing in eyesight and a growing deafness.

FANCY BASKETS
The Gift Shop
DERRIS, THE DRUGGIST

NEGRO TOWN LIFTS BAN ON THE WHITES

Henryetta, Okla., Dec. 12.—The sign reaching across the main street of Boley and reading the ominous warning, "White Man Don't Let he Sun Set on You", has been forced down by Federal authorities, who threatened discontinuance of the post-office of Boley unless the order was obeyed. Boley is a negro town of possibly 2000 inhabitants; all negroes, and located in Okfuskee County. Few white men are ever seen on streets of the town and those who are seen are among th traveling salsmen or officers of the law from the Sheriff's office or State or Federal departments.

The town is located in a rich cotton producing section of Okfuskee County and bears close resemblance to any well ordered community of like size controlled by white people. It has its business section of well stocked stores and a residence section of not a few comfortable homes, and osme pretentious dwellings. The schools and churches compare favorably.

A municipal water system and electric service are among the public utilities. The town also has two hotels, one of which is operated by a ngro, and devoted exclusively to white patronage, it being especially popular with traveling salesmen because of its excellency of its table fare; fried chicken heading the menu three times daily, it is stated.

Aside from this accommodation no other provision is made for white people, nor is the Caucasian race wanted. During the recent election Boley became of front page news value because of the ejectment of Gene Catlett, white Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, and a candidate for re-election, from a voting booth by the negro town marshal, and which for the time threatened a race war.

Catlett had gone to Boley to challenge certain negro voters whom he claimedwer'e not legally entitled to the franchise, and was forcibly ejected from the polls by the negro marshal, John Owen, who ordered him out of town. Catlett returned to Okemah, the County seat, and reported the circumstance at the same time placing a warrant for Own's arrest in the hands of Sheriff R. H. McKinnon, who, with his deputies went to Boley to place Owen under arrest, but upon their arrival in the negro town they were met by about 400 negroes, all havily armed and ordered not to proceed further.

The negro mob then disarmed the Sheriff's posse, and escorting them to the town limits told them to "keep going". Returning to Okemah, Sheriff McKinnon reported the trouble to Adjutant-General Baird H. Markham at Oklahoma City, who came to Boley and placed Owen under arrest, at the same time assuring the negroes that there would be no invasion of their town by a mob of white men as had been reported was information. Peace meetings under cooler heads were held among the white at Okmah and a race war was averted.

The election was held without further friction, and Owen's case was handled by the Attorney-General's department. Since then this exclusively negro conducted municipality has pursued the even tenor of its way.

In ordering the offensive sign removed from the street, the Federal officials pointed out that it might be necessary for white officials in the postal service to visit Boley, and it might also be necessary for them to remain ovtr night in line of duty. It was also explained to the negroes that such signs were unwarranted and a menace that could ten only to keep alive the racial antagonism and would but result in injury to their community.

'HARD-SURFACED' ROAD WAS BUILT BY INDIANS

The so-called "stepping-stones" in Northwest Cimarron County, in the Oklahoma Panhandle, were probably one of the Indians' "hard surfaced" roads.

The stones have a flat upper surface are an average of 16 inches in length, a foot in width, from six to eight inches in thickness and are laid flat on the ground. They are partly imbedded in the soil and are placed at such a distance apart that a person taking an average stride can step with ease from stone to stone.

The stones are laid in a line over four miles in length running almost due east and west and only a short distance south of the Colorado-Oklahoma line, some 20 miles east of Kenton.

The line of stones leads from Squaw Canyon, a tributary of the Cimarron River from the north, in a westerly direction two miles to another small stream in Red Canyon, which it crosses, and continues to the west another two miles or so into North Canyon.

Ute Indians had what might be called permanent villages in Squaw Canyon and North Canyon, and it seems likely that the line of stones was laid as a hard surfaced trail between their villages.

That the stones have been in their present position for many years is easily seen from the fact that some of them in low places have become buried several feet under layers of earth and grass which have the appearance of having been the product of half a century or possibly a century of time.

Some of the buried stones have hollows in their flat top surface as tho' they had been worn by countless moccasined feet.

Some of the stones are missing from the long line, having been washed out by torrental rains or having been caried away by settlers who used them for weights on fences.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their assistance during the illnes and death of our husband and father. Also for the many beautiful floral offerings.

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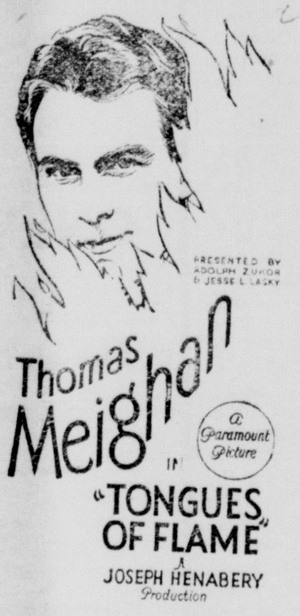

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Also NEWS and "GO-GETTERS" No. 2

Note—The above picture "Tongues of Flame" will have its first showing in St. Louis in the leading theatre the week of December 28th.

Admission 15c and 35c

Friday, Dec. 26th

COLLEEN MOORE and CONWAY TEARLE in

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FARM BUREAU NEWS FROM NEW MADRID

What Is a Germination Test?

A good deal has been said in the past about germination tests on farm seed. More wil be heard in the future, as it is very important. But many do not understand "what is a germination test?" and "what is its value to the farmer?" Therefore, the Missouri College of Agriculture sends out this explanation.

Briefly a germination test is a test of the ability of seed to come up. It is expressed in percentage which tells you how many seed out of each hundred you can expect to sprout. The conditions under which the test is run are as near the conditions the seed would have in the field as possible. Results are carefully checked to avoid mistakes.

The value of the test is to tell you befcre you plant whether your planting seed are all able to sprout or only partly so. It is too expensive to plant them in your field to find out. If the percentage germination is low, more seed per acre must be used to overcome it. If the percentage is very low the seed are unsafe for planting and some good seed should be secured. It will be much cheaper in the long run.

Germination tests rae run free. See your county agent or write the Missouri College of Agriculture if you have no agent.

Farmers To Try Sweet Clover

The legume crop, sweet clover, has been gaining in popularity among the farmers of the middle west and this year it is going to be tried in New Madrid County. Several farmers within the county have expressed their intention of planting several acres to this crop. Among them are J. E. Sawyers, Portageville; Arthur Matson, Gideon; Fred Geske, Canalou and Alfred Stepp, New Madrid. There are others also.

Sweet Clover, once considered a noxious weed in Kansas is now recognized as a valuable crop. As a crop for soil improvement sweet clover is unexcelled; for pasturing purposes it has given satisfactory results; as a forage crop it can often be utilized to good advantage where alfalfa or red clover cannot be successfully grown. There are several varieties of sweet clover but the one preferred is the white variety. There is often times trouble in securing a stand but by inoculating the seed a part of this is eliminated. If to be grown for hay, it is better to use fertile soil, however, if desired for a pasture the poorer soil may be used to advantage. As a soil builder this crop is superior even to alfalfa. Anyone desiring information on this can write to the County Extension Agent.

Harry Kirkbridge of Malden was in to se us a few days ago. He desired information as to where good seed corn and cotton could be disposed of.

Amos Riley of Lilbourn came in to see us last week to purchase some hog serum.

Howard Dickson of Parma paid the Farm Bureau a social call last week.

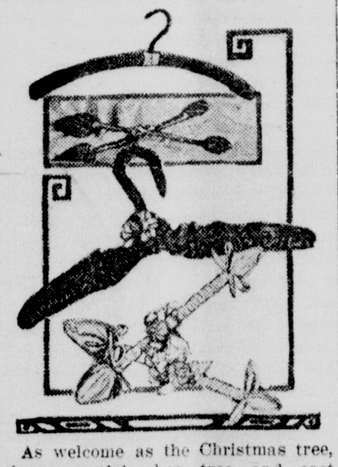
Arthur Matson and L. Dvorak of Gideon called at the office a few days ago to obtain information in regard to planting sweet clover.

Henry Adams of Portageville was also a visitor at the office last week. Mr. Adams came after serum.

The best place to supply your Christmas gift wants reasonable.—Famers Snpply Co.

Less than one-half of the corn crop in the Corn Belt States reached maturity before the first killing frost this year, according to reports received by the United States Department of Agricultuer. Usually about 91 per cent of the crop reaches maturity by that time compared with 48 per cent this year.

Among Gifts for Men



As welcome as the Christmas tree, the perennial shoe tree and coat hanger make their annual appearance. They have arrived in sets to match this year, some of them neatly covered with corduroy, in cheerful colors, and others with gay ribbons and decked with ribbon flowers. The corduroy sets make nice gifts for men.

Weather Bureau Determines Where Hurricanes Develop

There are two principal regions where conditions are most favorable for the development of cyclonic storms in the Tropics, one in the region immediately south and southwest of the Cape Verde Islands in the eastern Atlantic Ocean and the other in the western third of the Caribbean Sea. The establishment of this fact was one of the most important results of an exhaustive study of West Indian hurricanes and other revolving tropical storms of the North Atlantic Ocean which was completed by one of the forecasters at the central office of the Weather Bureau of the United States Department of Agriculture.

All available data from ships as reported to the Hydrographic Office of the Navy and to the marine division of the Weather Bureau, for a period of 37 years from 1887 to 1923, inclusive, including the daily weather maps of the Weather Bureau and the publication of various foreign meteorological services, were used in the work of replotting the tracks of all storms of tropical origin. It was found that no storms of cyclonic character developed over the eastern two-thirds of the Caribbean Sea during the entire period of 37 years.

Another important conclusion reached is that a tropic cyclone will recurve to the northward and northeastward at the first favorable opportunity, irrespective of longitude or time of year. That so many of these storms travel so far to the westward before recurving is becuase of the influence of the semipermanent area of high pressure which extends from the vicinity of the Azores west-southwestward to the coast of the South Atlantic States. Whenever there is a temporary breaking down of this area of high pressure to the northward of a hurricane it will immediately start to recurve.

Roasters.—Farmers Supply Co.

The American children's vehicles and toys are sold at Farmers Supply Co., Hardware Department.

In a study of the retail meat business the United States Department of Agriculture found that of the average consumer's dollar received by the retailer the meat costs 78.6 cents, the retailer's expenses were 19.7 cents, andth e profit was 1.7 cents. When a reasonable wage is allowed for the proprietor of the business it is hardly possible to show a profit on a yearly volume of sales of less than $14,000 the department found in its survey.

The use of oiled paper wrappers, developed recently by the Bureau of Plant Industry, United States Department of Agriculture to control scald in boxed apples, has now become common among apple growers. These wrappers have not controlled apple scald completely, but they have caused such a marked reduction in this trouble that the trade recognizes them as an essential part of the industry. Another method of using oiled paper developed by the department is in the shredded form for the prevention of scald in barreled apples. Paper in this form was tried out for some time experimentally and last year a number of commercial growers in the East used it to a small extent. It has been found that 1½ pounds of the shredded oiled paper, well distributed through the barrel, produces fairly satisfactory results.

Meat cutting sausage mills at the Farmers Supply Co.

A. Ray Smith is transacting business in St. Louis a few days this week.

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Fort Constitution, Scene of Colonists First Action Against British Soldiers

Fort constitution, situated at Newcastle, three miles southeast of Portsmouth, N. H., is close to the former site of and replaces a fortification that not only was one of the earliest forts erected in America, but had the added distinction of being the scene of the first action of the Colonists against British soldiers.

At the time of its capture from the British by the Colonists it was known as Fort William and Mary, in honor of the king and queen of England. The new fort was built by the United States in 1808 and named Fort Constitution.

The fort had its beginning in 1666. Colonial records show that construction of the fortifications was being carried on in that year:

In 1666, June 19. At a general towne meeting, for the better carrying of the fortification at Fort Poynt, it was consented unto and voted that every dweller and liver in the towne above 16 years of age, whether householder, children, servants or any other residing in the towne, shall and doe here promise to worke at the same one whole weeke betwixt this and the last day of October next ensuing, and shall appear on such days as they shall have notice given them from time to time until they have accomplished severall sayd weeks worke, and to be allowed out of their subscriptions 3 shillings per day, and to be at the fort by 7 o'clock in the morning and to give over at 6 in the evening, to begin on the Great Island and so round by Sandy Beach, and thence through the whole towne. —'Rambles About Portsmouth', Brewster.

Apparently (there is no authentic data until 1774) the fortifications were completed, taken over by the home government, armed and manned, and named Fort William and Mary, in honor of the king and queen of England.

From 1676 to 1759 New Hampshire suffered greatly from the depredations of Indians, which tended to retard settlement. Nevertheless a garrison was maintained which, affording protection to the immediate vicinity, aided materially in the ensuing colonization of that section.

In the years preceding the War of Independence, the province of New Hampshire became vitally interested in the disturbances which culminated in the outbreak of hostilities, between the thirteen colonies and England.

Feeling among the people of the provinve ran high eithtr for or against various questions current at the timt. Paul Revere who later won fame as a result of his ride to warn Lexington and Concord that the British were marching against them from Boston, brought news in December, 1774, of certain activities of the patriots in Rhode Island which determined the people of Portsmouth to dismantle the fort at Newcastle and utilize the gunpowder and stores for military purposes should trouble with England break out. December 14, 1774, the fort was taken after a feeble resistance from the British garrison, and sixteen pieces of cannon, about sixty muskets, and certain other military stores were carried away and hidden.

In a letter to the earl of Dartmouth, dated "Portsmouth, 20th December, 1774", the royalist governor, Sir John Wentworth, reported:

On Tuesday the 13tn inst., in the afternoon, one Paul Revere arrived express with letters from some of the leaders in Boston to Mr. Samuel Cutts merchant of this town. Reports were soon circulated that the fort at Rhode Island had been dismantled, and the gunpowder and other military stores removed up to Providence ond on extract of the circular letter directing the seizure of gunpowder was printed in a Boston newspaper of the 12th in consequence as I have been informed, of the said letters having been communicated to the house of assembly at Rhode Island. And it was also falsely given out that troops were embarking at Boston to come and take possession of William and Mary Castle in this harbor. These rumors soon raised an alarm in the town; and, although I did not expect that the people would be so audacious as to make any attack on the castle, yet I sent orders to the captain at he fort to be upon his guard.

"On Wednesday, the 14th, about 12 oclock, news was brought to me that a drum was beating about the town to collect the populace together in order to go and take away the gunpowder and dismantle the fort. I immediately sent the chief justice of the province to warn them from engaging in such an attempt. He went to them, where they were collected in the center of the town, near the town house, explained to them the nature of the offense they proposed to commit, told them it was not short of rebellion, and entreated them to desist from it and disperse. But all to no purpose. They went to the island; and, being joind there by the inhabitants of the towns of Newcastle and Rye, formed in all a body of about four hundred men, commanded by Capt. John Pickering, and the castle being in too weak a condition for defense (as I have in former letters explained to your lordship), they forced their entrance in spite of Captain Cochrane, who defended it as long as he could; but, having only the assistance of five men, their numbers overpowered him. After they entered the fort, they seized upon the captain, triumphantly gave three huzzas, and hauled down the king's colors. They then put captain and men under confinement, broke open the gunpowder magazine and carried off about one hundred barrels of gunpowder, but discharged the captain and men from their confinement before their departure.

"On Thursday, the 15th, in the morning, a party of men came from the country accompanied by Mr. (Gen. John) Sullivan, one of the New Hampshire delegates to the congress, to take away the cannot from the port also .....While the town was thus full of men, a committee from them came to me to solicit for pardon or a suspension of prosecution against the persons who took away the gunpowder. I told them I could not promise any such thing; but, if they dispersed and restored the gunpowder, which I earnestly exhorted them to do, I said I hoped his majesty may be thereby induced to consider it an elleviation of the offense. They parted from me, in all appearance perfectly disposed to follow the advice I had given them....But the people, instead of dispersing, went to the castle in the night, headed by Mr. Sullivan and took away sixteen pieces of cannon, about sixty muskets and other stores military, and brought them to the out-bordes of the town.

On Friday morning, the 16th, Mr. Folsan, the other delegate, came to town with a great number of armed men, who remained in town as a guard until the flow of the tide in the evening, when the cannon were sent in gondolas up the river into the country, and they all dispersed without having done any personal injury to anybody in the town.

"They threatened to return again in order to dismantle the fort entirely and to carry off or destroy the remaining heavy cannon (about seventy pieces), and also to seize upon the province treasury. .....I wrote to General Gage and Admiral Graves for assistanct to restrain the boisterious temper of the people upon which the Admiral ordered the armed ships Canceaux and Scarborough here, and they arrived (the former the 17th and the latter the 19th) in time to prevent the futher dismantling of the fort."

Governor Wentworth deplored the inability of the government to bring the offenders to punishment.

"No jails would hold them long", he continued in the letter above quoted, "and no jury would find them guilty; for, by the false alarm that has been raised throughout the country, it is considered by the weak and ignorant, who have ruled in these times, an act of self preservation".

It was not long before the governor found his position becoming precarious, and withdrew to the fort for greater security.

The following communications show somewhat the condition of the fort at the time with respect to armament, and how the remaining stores and ordnance were removed by the British. In a letter to General Gage, dated "Ft. William and Mary, 15 June, 1775", he says:

"The ferment in this province has become very general.....Two thousand men are already enlisted, two-thirds of whom I am informed are destined to join the insurgents in your province, and the remainder are to be stationed along the coast in different parts between Portsmouth and Newbury.....Seeing every idea of the respect due to his majesty's commission so far lost in the frantic rage and fury of the people as to find them to proceed to such daring violence against the person of his representative, I found myself under the necessity of immediate withdrawing to Ft. William and Mary, both to prevent as much as may be a repetition of the insults and to provide for my security.

"I think it exceedingly for the king's service to remain as long as possible at the fort, where I now am with my family in a small incommodious house....than the hope of retreating on board his majesty's ship Scarborough, if it should be in my power. This fort, although containing upwards of sixty pieces of cannon, is without men or ammunition".

In a letter to Paul Wentworth, dated "Ft. William and Mary, 29 June, 1775", he says:

"Admiral Graves has sent a transport under convoy of the Falcon, sloop-of-war, and entirely dismantled this ungarrisoned castle of all the ordnance, stores, etc. Besides the inconvenience of being crowded into this miserable house, confined for room and neither wind or water-tight, I am inevitably obliged to incur some extra expense for my safety and existence ever here. Being of necessity compelled to make some small repairs to render it habitable and to employ six men as watches to prevent my being surprised and made prisoner. These, with my three servants, and Mr. Brenning Wentworth, and Captain Cochrane, are divided into three guards of four hours each; by which means I have some security of getting on board the Scarborough. The six men are at the expense of $12 a month each, including their dieting, allowance of rum, etc.; under which expense no trusty man can possibly be had for so unpopular service in this time of general opposition to government".

He soon thought it evidently the beter part of valor to leave the fort for the Isle of Shoals, for the "greater security of his safety and existence". There he boarded the Scarborough with his retinue.

There were no more activiites of note at the site of the old fort until 1808, when a new fort was built and named Ft. Constitution. The material and style used in tht construction were the usual ones of the period, i. e., brick, stone, rubble and earth, with the usual glacis sally-port gate and porteullis.

The remains of the old fort are still in excellent condition and are preserved for their historical value. In 1902 the Society of Colonial Wars erected a bronze plaque on the old gate with the inscription: "In commemoration of the first victory of the American Revolution, the capture, on this site, of Ft. William and Mary, 14-15 December, 1774. In admiration of the gallantry of Capt. John Langdon and Maj. John Sullivan, leaders of the assaults. In memory of the patriots who captured the fort and removed the guns and stores".

Ft. Constitution is today one of the most ideal and historic spots of the country. New barracks have been built, as well as other buildings. At present the post is garrisoned by Battery E, 8th coast artillery corps, and medical, ordnance and quartermaster detachment.—K. C. Star.

Picked Out Marble Deposit

In 1835 Pickens County Georgia, was people by the Cherokee Indians. In that year, one Sam Tate moved in and settled eight miles from any other white neighbor. He was first on the ground when the government moved the Cherokees out to Indian Territory in 1837. He staked off his pick of the lands left by the Indians, and his claim embraced, among other things, the finest marble deposit in the United States and one of the most valuable in the world. It still belongs to the Tate family. There is only one vein of Georgia marble, and the old man got it all—a solid block three-eighths of a mile wide, four miles long and two hundred feet to a half mile deep, the estimated worth of which today, according to experts, runs up to 165 billion dollars, and is still running. It has been worked now for more than fifty years and in all that time they have only scratched the surface of about three acres of it. They have dug out of it such buildings as the Corcoran Art Gallery and the Pan-American building in Washington, the Rhode Island state capitol, the New York Stock Exchange, the Federal Reserve Banks of Cleveland and Atlanta, the Field Museum in Chicago, the statue of Civic Virtue in New York City and thousands of lesser monuments, but you would hardly know it.—W. O. Saunders in Collier's.

Chinaware at Farmers Supply Co.

President Alvaro Obregon of Mexico plans to reside and manage his plantations at Navoja, Sonora, at the completion of his term of office.

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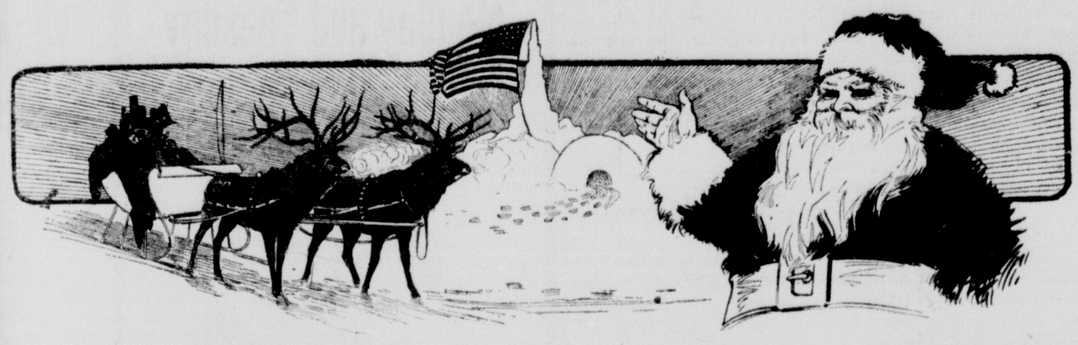

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VON MALTZAN CHOSEN AS NEW GERMAN ENVOY

Berlin, Dec. 10.—Baron Ago von Maltzan was this afternoon officially appointed as German ambassador to the United States to succeed Dr. Otto Wiedfeldt.

Baron von Maltzan is 47 years old and a native of Mecklenburg. He was educated at the Universities of Bonn and Breslau. Starting on a military career he became a lieutenant dragons in 1898, but entered the foreign offices an attache in 1906. He served as secretary of legation at Rio Janeiro, Christiania and St. Petersburg, and in 1912 became councillor of legation at Peking, where he remained until China entered the war against Germany. He has been an under-secretary in the foreign office for the past three years.

He accompanied foreign Secretary Rathenau and Chancellor Wirth to the Geona conference and was influential in framing the treaty of Rapallo, between Russia and Germany, which came as a great surprise to the entente powers represented at the Geona gathering. While in China he married Edith Gruson, daughter of a Magdeburg steel manufacturer. They have one daughter.

In the rice fields of Siam the women do all the work.

Suits made to measure, ladies' frocks, annd all other dress requisites, can now be purchased on one famous line, which recently carried 2790 passengers, including 855 first class, across the Atlantic.

FISH AND GAME BUDGET OF MISSOURI $362,200

Jefferson City, Mo., December 10.—The biennial budget of the State Fish and Game Commission which has been submitted to the State Tax Commission and on which the department's appropriation by the next session of the Legislature will be based, shows an increase of $62,200 over that of two years, according to figures obtained today at the State Tax Commission.

The budget now pending amounts to $362,200, while two years ago the department asked for only $300,000, and the amount actually recommended by the Tax Commission was $268,460, records show. The difference in the two budgets is attributed to the demand for money to carry out the state's new park and game preserve program and the lately installed game exhibit in the Missouri Resources Museum in the capitol.

Unlike other departments of the State Government, the Game and Fish Department is maintained by receipts from the sale of fishing and hunting licenses and fur dealers' permits, rather than by direct appropriation. It can only expend the amount of its total receipts, although a formal appropriation is needed from the Legislature to make the funds available.

Besides her duties as head of the educational system in Denmark, Mrs. Nina Bang, Minister of Education, acts as supervisor of museums and the Royal theatre. She also finds time to fulfill her duties as a mother.

A Fredonia, Kas., man, according to Austin Butcher of the Altoona Tribune, sent the following testimonal to a patent medicine company. "My wife took a bottle of your medicine and died. I am married again. Please send me another bottle."

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GERMAN FLEET EXECUTED MANEUVERS AT JUTLAND

Boston, Dec. 11.—What went on behind the mists that hung over the North Sea while the British Grand Fleet and the High Seas Fleet of Germany fought the Battle of Jutland on May 31, 1916, is described in new terms by the British Admiralty eight years later, and its official narrative of this outstanding naval engagement of the World War, recently issued, conforms to an American version of the facts.

It had been announced by the admiralty, at a time when controversy was rife in high British naval circles, that no official account of the Jutland engagement would be given out. A Blue Book in 1920 had contained the original British charts and reports. But when Lord Sydenham, raising a formal question in the House of Lords, pointed out that an American historian, Capt. Thos. G. Frothingham, U. S. R., of Boston, had made clear certain essential facts of the battle that called for a change in the British official charts, renewed attention was given to the battle details.

The British Admiralty's own narrative, issued now as an official document of 120 pages with new charts and new conclusions, is the result.

It was the surprising strategy of Admiral Reinold Scheer, commander of the German forces, in executing three times within a space of 42 minutes, twice in defense and once in attack, a battle maneuver which the British high command had declared impossible of execution, that upset all British calculations as to what had occurred. This maneuver was a simultaneous turn of 16 battleships, like the about-face of marching men, with each ship swinging around almost in its own tracks.

It was the Yankee historian, an army officer during the World War, who first brought to light the facts of Admiral Scheer's amazing strategy and tactics in a monography, "A True Account of the Battle of Jutland". How the American learned what went on behind the mists at Jutland, he has not divulged, but it is understood that study of the original battle charts, in the light of his knowledge of the sea and ships, supplied the first clew.

The official narrative takes up its more important phases of review at 6:5 p. m. It was at that hour that the British forces joined, and Admiral Jellicoe with his full strength now available to bear against inferior German forces, turned to deploy on the port wing to form a line of battle on a course southeast by east, with an advance fan of cruisers and destroyers stretched between the German fleet and approach to their base. The British narrative says, "the enemy could only be seen fitfully thru the mist" and adds that no battleships could fire for many minutes together because observation was so poor.

These were the conditions, with the Germans steaming at a speed of 17 knots, sinking the Invincible, Defense and Warrior and striking mortal blows to the Black Prince as they went, when Admiral Scheer had first recourse to his uncomprehended maneuver to save his fleet from envelopment.

The German fleet reversed direction three times in a series of movements that look on the combined chart like a whirlgig, and this is now brought out and described by the admiralty narrative as it was described by the American historian. The Admiralty narrative's observations of the causes for each of the several "swing-abouts" by the German fleet take issue with the strategic motives given in Admiral Scheer's report.

The first German maneuver of "ships right about", by which every vessel in the long curved column swung simultaneously to reverse direction to the westward, served to relieve the situation by which the Germans were headinng into the mouth of a trap set by the British deployment. Instead, when the turn-together was executed, the German fleet was steaming safely away from the British formation under cover of a smoke screen. This maneuver was twice repeated without being known to the British until years afterward. Even now the Admiralty narrative, after saying what actually happened, suggests explanation of the failure to comprehend the move by description of the conditions which prevailed with the sentence, "In the thickening mist and smoke the enemy was lost to sight and a lull ensued which gave Admiral Scheer a short and much needed respit". He was running away, but the British fleet did not know it.

With the German fleet out of sight at 6:42 p. m., the British admiral ordered the course altered by divisions to the southeast. Then the tide of battle turned again, and at 6:55 Admiral Scheer used the same simultaneous swing of his ships to turn around the head to the east in attack. This offensive measure by the Germans, as described in the narrative, was "straight into the center of the arc formed by the British fleet. In a few minutes the leading (German) squadron and battle cruisers would be threatened with enevelopment and the concentrated fire of practically the whole Grand Fleet. The High Sea Fleet seemed to be rushing to destruction".

Capt. Frothingham has called attention to the remarkable fact that the German Admiral had thus voluntarily placed his fleet again in the same position from which he had once withdrawn. Admiral Scheer has since said that this move in attack, which brought a lesser German force against one which Lord Sydenham has described as "27 of the finest battleships in the world", was intended as a surprise blow to upset British plans and to facilitate the German fleet breaking loose to get back to its base at night. The admiralty narrative says that Admiral Scheer's motives "should be accepted with reserve. His intention was more probably to slip past the rear of the British fleet and make for home".

At the time that the British grand fleet saw the Germans again, heading toward them at a range of less than 10,000 yards, "the mists clear for a few minutes and the Seydlitz and Derflinger came under tremendous fire. The visibility was all in favor of the British at this time.

One effect of Admiral Scheer's surprising swing against the British was to force the Grand Fleet in two movements to turn away 45 degrees. Admiral Scheer has said that his object was obtained, and the third turn-together of the German fleet followed at 7:17. Of this the narrative of the Admiralty say, "As soon as Admiral Scheer realized that he was facing the main British fleet, he turned his battle fleet to the westward, and ordered the battle cruisers and flotilles to attack in order to cover his retreat". Admiral Scheer's representation that his object having been attained, the fleet withdrew, should be considered with the statement attributed to Van Hase that "the high seas fleet found iself in a trap and sent battle cruiser and flotillas ahead to extricate it", the narrative continues, adding "What might have been a disastrous blunder was by a stroke of luck turned to Admiral Scheer's advantage". Admiral Scheer's simultaneous turn at 7:17 included both the battle cruisers and the battleships, he has said.

These phases of the battle, as described in the Admiralty's narrative, bring the British version of the facts into line with the prior account by the American historian. Until Capt. Frothingham in his monograph described the "swing-around", thrice-repeated, it had no British notice.

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Mrs. Anna M. Kross of New York, who acts as guardian of the trust funds for the minor heirs of the late J. Pierpont Morgan, came to this country 25 years ago as an immigrant.

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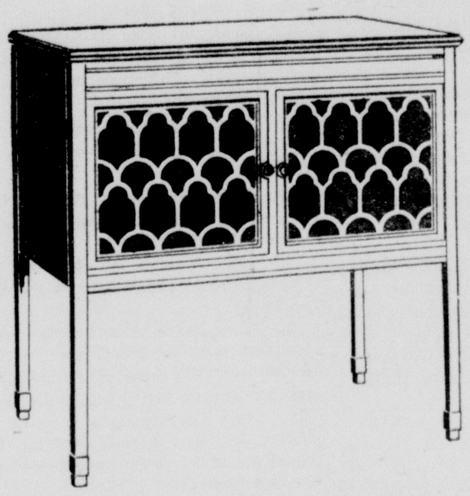

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BLODGETT HOPPERS WIN IN DOUBLEHEADER FRIDAY

Diehlstadt, Dec. 13.—Both of the local teams met defeat at the hands of Blodgett last night when the girls' game ended 15 to 14 and the boys' 6 to 5.

In the girls' game, Diehlstadt outplayed Blodgett at every angle, but were not as lucky as Blodgett at making the free shots.

In the boys' game, Blodgett showed the better team work of the two.

Both teams are in the Southeast Missouri League. Diehlstadt has played the game and won two, while Blodgett has played two and lost one.

Diehlstadt should have a good chance at winning the championship this year because they have the two things necessary to make a winning team—team work and a large crowd of backers who are always rooting for them.

The teams of Diehlstadt play Wednesday at Bridges and Friday at Vanduser and stand a good chance of winning both games.

Products From a Whale

Efficiency engineers in Norway have completed an unusual task, the best results yet shown in such tests being in evidence, when they completed the manufacture of two hunded pairs of men's boots, twenty-five pair of men's shoes, many gross of sor leather shoestrings and more than one hundred feet of heavy belting, all made from the hide of one large whale that had been taken by whale hunters and towed into shore.

The carcass yielded also large quantities of oil, a big store of bone, a considerable quantity of fertilizer and an uncounted number of suvenirs. —Ohio State Journal.

Frank Dehn and family of Union, Missouri have located in Sikeston.

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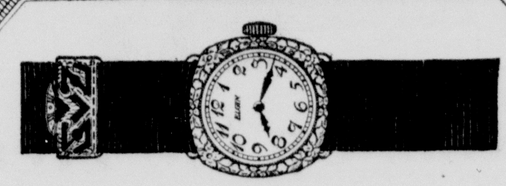

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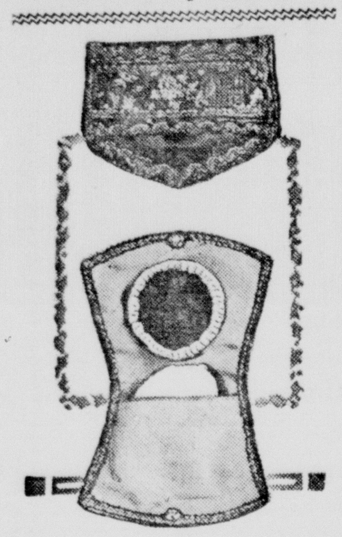


Every Christmas brings its gay new vanity cases, to replace those whose bright careers are finished. Here are two of them, made of black satin, lined with light silk, bound with gold braid and prettily decorated with gold lace and ribbon flowers. A little, attached mirror and a powder puff proclaim their willingness to serve the cause of beauty.

COTTON GROWERS ASSOCIATION NEWS

Owing to the large amount of low grade cotton now being delivered to the market, the Association finds it necessary to make an advance of $50 per bale on bolly cotton. On bales weighing less than 500 pounds the advance is 10 cents a pound. The advance on cotton of good grade remains $70.00 per bale.

The first distribution on this seasons cotton will be mailed from the Little Rock office today. The distribution amounts to over $21,000 to the Missouri members. The total of the distribution sent to Arkansas, Tennessee and Missouri members amounts to over $1,000,000.00.

CHANGE IN MAINTENANCE OF FARM AGENTS URGED

Columbia, Mo., December 12.—A resolution advocating a change in the system of supporting county agricultural extensin agents in the state, whereby it would no longer be necessary for farmers to contribute to teir support, was passed here today at the final session of the annual convention of Missouri County Agents. Officers of the Missouri Farm Bureau Federation also attended the meeting.

The resolution pointed out that the farmers of the state are finding it increasingly burdensome to pay the expense of carrying on their own farm organization work and also share in support of extension work.

Under the present law the expense of the County Agent is borne jointly by the Federal Government and the state and county, the county funds being partly appropriated by the county court and partly supplied by individual farmers.

SANTA CLAUS LETTERS

Dear Santa:

Please bring me some tinker toys and a large box of building blocks and some games. Don't forget sister and John Russell.

CLARENCE FELKER, Jr.

Dear Santa:

Another Christmas will soon be here and I am still in the same old single blessedness. What is the matter with the men, anyway?

MARJORIE

Dear Santa Claus:

You know I am bashful and you know what I most desire. Can't you send me a bottle of "courage giver" that I may ask the momentous question.

FRANK SCHULTE.

Dear Santa:

I have been on the eve of attempting to solve the problem of matrimony for several years, but the lack of a substantial meal ticket held me back. If you can find me a girl who can furnish the meal ticket, I'll do the rest.

REGS.

Santa Claus:

I play no favorites. I like 'em young, I like 'em old, I like 'em hot, I like 'em cold.

ICKY

Dear Santa Claus:

I have almost run my car ragged to find a mamma who would love, honor and obey, but have come to the conclusion that it was all in vain. I could love a rich woman mighty easy.

C. L. B. Jr.

Dear Santa:

You know me, and you know faint heart never won a fair lady, and besides if this is leap year, I'll never ask him.

GRACE

Dear Santa Claus:

Please remember each one in the second grade. Please bring me a blackboard, a pair of roller skates, a pair of kid gloves, a pair of shoes.

MILDRED WILLIAMS.

According to reports from Springfield, where Otto Luchsinger, a youth of Thayer, is a patient in a hospital says Luchsinger is slowly improving from burns received two weeks ago at Thayer when he calmly walked through a burning building to emerge again a mass of flames. The crowd which gathered at the fire did not notice the young man until he walked into the flames and as one side of the building already had collapsed and the remainder was threatening to fall at any moment no one dared attempt to rescue him. He ran through the fire the full length of two rooms and emerged a flaming torch. He was rolled on the ground to extinguish his burning clothing and medical aid was procured. Luchsinger is a son of Clint Luchsinger a rural mail carrier at Thayer. He walked into the fire to demonstrate to the crowd that the "Lord would protect him'. He suffered a stroke of paralysis last January and is a diligent Bible student.—West Plains Gazette.

LOCAL AND PERSONALS FROM MATTHEWS

Mr. and Mrs. George Reed entertained a number of young folks Tuesday evening with a party, complimentary to their son Clifford's 21st birthday. Clifford received a number of very useful and valuable presents. Dainty refreshments were served at a very late hour. The guests departed delaring a most pleasant and entertaining evening spent.

Mathews All Star Basketball boys played a game with the "Gas Tanks" of Fornfelt. The score was 31-14 in favor of Fornfelt.

Mr. and Mrs. Dickerman and little daughter shopped in Sikeston Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Nolen Henderschott and son of Sikeston were Matthews visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Swartz and children were Sikeston visitors Saturday.

L. Deane has sold out on the farm, one-half mile south of town, to Elmer Burch. Mr. Burch and family left two weeks ago and went to Mt. Vernon, where they thought it would be better for Mr. Burch's health, but could not stay. They have come back to "old Mathews.

R. E. Bailey of Sikeston was in Mathews Friday on business.

Coroner D. A. Chiles, Constable W. H. Deane, Wes Depro and Rub Bornhart went to Kewanee Saturday evening, where Coroner Chiles went to hold an inquest over a negro man, who had been burned. The house was supposed to have been set on fire and the negro man burned up while asleep.

Mr. and Mrs. G. D. teele and sons were Cape Girardeau visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gill Brooks and little sons shopped in Sikeston Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Prouty of Sikeston spent the week-end in Matthews with relatives.

Mrs. Jim Lancaster was a Sikeston visitor Saturday.

There will be a Xmas tree and program at White Oak School No. 2 on Monday, Decmeber 22. Everybody is cordially invited to attend. Old Santa Claus will be there with presents for all who have been real good.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Lurmit and little daughter and Miss Frankie Deane of New Madrid spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Deane.

Mesdames J. A. Weatherford and Tom Holderby went to Cape Girardeau Wednesday on business.

Mrs. Clarence Hunott was a Sikeston visitor Saturday.

There will be a Xmas tree and a program at Noxall school Tuesday, December 23rd. Everybody is invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Latimer visited relatives in Marston Sunday.

The streets are being graded and new culberts are being put in.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Story and sons, and Mr. and Mrs. J. R. King andchildren atended the moving picture show in Sikeston Tuesday.

Miss Bess Hill of St. Louis is visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roe Hill.

The stores are certainly a scene of holiday joys. People need not go away from Matthews to Xmas shop. Everything you could imagine is to be found here. The brick store owned by J. W. Emory is equal, if not superior to some of the stores in the larger mities as to the Xmas decorations and displays. You will also find the prices very reasonable.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Carroll and Mr. and Mrs. L F. Swartz attended a card party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Riley in Lilbourn Saturday night.

L. Deane and daughter Miss Marie were Sikeston visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hunott and little son were Sikeston visitors Saturday.

CAIRO MADE NORTHERN TERMINAL FOR BARGES

Cairo, Ill., December 14.—Cairo has become the northern terminal for the Federal Barge Line for the remainder of the winter.

The equipment of the East St. Louis Terminal reached Cairo and will be put into operation Monday doubling the capacity of the local plants.

This equipment includes the two warehouses and track barges and the floating cranes.

The Cairo Terminal now is the largest floating terminal in the world, with the addition of the East t. Louis equipment.

The terminal was moved south when cold weather began to fill the upper Mississippi River with ice and threaten navigation farther north on this river than airo, from where navigation is open to New Orlean the entire way.

With winter well under way and the rivers north of Cairo filling with ice, Cairo is becoming the northern terminal for other steamboat companies.

Towing of grain south from Cairo wil be begun the first of the year by the West Kentucky Coal Company, it was announcel today by R. E. Vennum, transportation manager of the company. S

The first trip will be made by the tow boat Charles F. Richadson, when she will take a cargo of 4000 tons of wheat from Cairo to New Orleans. he will be operated in a regular trade betwen Cairo and New Orleans.

The Richardson will make her first trip early in January, Mr. Vennum stated.

Rain measuring 4½ inches fell during a thunderstorm which broke over Kensington, London, on June 16, 1917. Other parts of the metropolis were not affected.

In honor of her re-election to Parliament women admirers of Lady Astor have presented her with a solid silver coach and six horses a replica of the coach of the Lord Mayor of London.

The American Jewish Year Book just out, reveals that New York has one and a half million Jews. Chicago is next with 225,000. The most densely populated Jewish section is the Bronx.

Lady Richmond Brown, English woman explorer, crack shot and expert fisherwoman, will lead an expedition into British Honduras to seek Maya treasure. In order that she may have the opportunity to hunt at her leisure, she has taken a 20-year lease on 70,000 acres.

Mrs. Allen Mocabee of Morehouse was a visitor in Sikeston Tuesday.

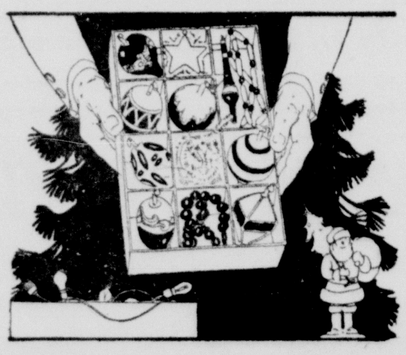
Out of every three boys at London County Council Schools, two have learned to swim. Among the girls the proportion is one in three.

A gigantic club for business girls is to be erected right in the heart of London and will be operated as a social center where any business girl or woman can go for rest, recreation and meals.

Women of Great Britain are claimed to have the best colored and finest quality of hair.

More than half of the population of Newfoundland gain their livelihood by catching and curing fish.

An insurance policy for $300,000 has been taken out on the life of an American woman who manages a large shop in Chicago. This is claimed to be the largest sum secured on a woman's life.



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Mrs. Moore Greer Mrs. H. J. Welsh

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Mrs. Thos. Mather

Violin Solo—
Adoration ....Felix Borowski
Mr. Wm. Rushing

Carols—
Sleep Holy Babe
.....Alexander Matthews
O Holy Night .....Adolphe Adam
Mesdames Van Horne, Mather, Burns, Misses Hess, Smith. Brinkopf

Vocal Solo—
Glory to God .....Augusto Rotoli
Mrs. Green Lescher

Violin obb. .....Mr. Wm. Rushing

Organ—
Hallelujah Chorus from "The Messiah" .... Handel
Mrs. Ralph Anderson

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Mr. and Mrs. John Fisher and Mrs. Ada Lemox were Cairo visitors Tuesday.

R. E. Bailey spent Wednesday in Cape Girardeau attending to business.

Miss Kate Mocabee of Morehouse was in Sikeston Tuesday visiting her sister, Mrs. Earl Malone and family.

STRAYED—Bay mule, 15 hands high, holds head high, had harness on when last seen. Notify Elisha Johnson, Sikeston, Mo. 2tpd.

Shower For Mrs. Walker

A miscelleanous shower was given for Mrs. Russell Walker Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Alfred Inman with Mrs. Bess Fulkerson as hostess. The gifts and their donors are: Mrs. Alfred Inman, percolator; Pearl Ward, Pyrex dish; Alfreda Denton, aluminum cake pan; Frances Clodfelter, bath towel; Mrs. Jake Sutton and Evelyn, aluminum pan; Mrs. Crutchfield, Lillie and Pearl, aluminum double cooker; Myrtle Andrews, breakfast cap; Mrs. Pete Daughter, aluminum cake pan; Abbie Morrison, candle stick holders; Mrs. M. Anderson, muffin pans; Mrs. Morrison, aluminum pan; Rosa Proudy, crum tray set; Mrs. Ruth Fowler, tea pot; Mrs. Faye Porter, salt and pepper set; Addie James, flower basket; Mrs. Bess Fulkerson, sugar and cream; Mary Malone, table linen and mixing bowls; Maudie Walker silver salt and pepper set; Hazel Weekly, linen towel; Mrs. Nancy Farmer, bud vase; Mrs. Frank Moody, bath towel; Alma Manor, dresser scarf; Myra Mitchell, linen towel; Mrs. A. Sellards, bath towel; Elizabeth Keasler, table linen; Mrs. Amos Buchanan, bath towel; Miss Zelma Hanks, aluminum pans; Bertie Bourland, linen towel; Mrs. J. H. Inman, bath towel, Lavina Boardman, bath towel set; Jewell Twitty, bath towel; Mrs. Lige Inman, bath towel.

Out-door gifts for the boys.—Farmers Supply Co.

Miss Alma Harris arrived in this city this week from St. Louis to spend the Christmas Holidays with homefolks.

Elvie Day, 11 years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Day living north of McMullin, passed away Wednesday, December 17, after a short illness resulting from blood poisoning. The blood poisoning was caused from a shoe rubbing her heel, causing a blister, which became infected. The funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at 1:00 o'clock at the Catholic Church, Father Woods officiating. Interment at the City Cemetery.

JUG OF WHITE MULE FOUND BY OFFICERS

Last Thursday night officers were tipped off that whiskey might be found at the home of Ira Ragsdale, near the Scott County Mill, towards the Frisco station.

Deputy Sheriff Burks, Chief of Polic Kendall and Officers Noblin and Tinsley, with a search warrant, appeared at the house and demanded admittance. Ragsdale and his wife are separated and Mrs. Ragsdale and son, Virgil Orr, were at home, and denied the knowledge of any liquor being on the premises. Mrs. Ragsdale was sitting on the feather bed and Burks asked her to get up and let him search the bed. She flirted the covers around and wadded them up in a pile telling the officers they could see nothing was concealed in the bed. Burks unwound the bunch of covers and found underneath a gallon jug and in the jug about half a gallon of white mule. The whiskey was warm as though just made, but Burks said the woman had been siting on the jug so long that it got hot.

Both Mrs. Ragsdale and son, Virgil Orr, were arrested and given a hearing before Justice Dill, who bound them over for a further hearing.

Roasters.—Farmers Supply Co.

M. Q. Tanner was down from St. Louis to spend last week-end with his family.

M. M. Beck, local manager of the light plant, will entertain the employes at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Brenton on North Ranney street Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock. This will be a Christmas party and get-together meeting.

About 1:00 o'clock Tuesday morning the fire truck was called to the Meyer Bros. Cotton Gin. The fire started in their storage room where quite a bit of cotton was stored. All the cotton was destroyed and considerable damage was done to the inside of the building before the firemen were able to extinguish the flames.

NEGRO KILLS 1, HURTS THREE, THEN IS SLAIN

Deering, Mo., Dec. 17.—One man was shot and instantly killed and three others were seriously wounded by Andrew Simmons, a negro, who entered the store of the Wisconsin Lumber Company here today, with a revolver in each hand and opened fire without warning. The negro was later shot to death by a deputy sheriff.

Dow Edgerton, aged 24, bookkeeper of the store, was shot through the head and died within a few minutes. Claude Kinsaw, clerk, and Harold Norton and W. L. Anchlin, customers in the store, were then attacked by the negro. Kinsaw and Norton were taken to a hospital at Cape Girardeau, and it was said that Kinsaw was not expected to survive the night.

After the negro had shot Edgerton, Kinsaw and Norton, he ran from the store, meeting Anchlin on the sidewalk. He began beating Anchlin over the head with the butt end of a revolver. Deputy Sheriff Brachlor shot the negro to death from an office window nearby.

A 6-year-old girl, the only witness to the tragedy in the store, who escaped injury, was able to tell officers of the shooting, but her story cast no light on the cause for the negro's act. It is said that the only person who can possibly explain the negro's motives is Kinsaw, who has been unabe to speak since he was shot.

The negro had been empoyed for 10 years as a meat cutter in the store. Officers believe that he had recently quarreled with either Edgerton or Kinsaw.

When asked last night, as he sat in front of the store, if "the day's work was done", Simmons is said to have answered, "No and it won't be until I find the man I am after".

On leaving home this morning the negro told his wife he would not return.

He entered the store from the rear, with a revolver in each hand. Edgerton, who was standing in front of the safe, was the first victim. Without uttering a word, the negro opened fire, and Edgerton fell with a bullet in the head. Kinsaw, who was standing at the cash register, behind a counter, was shot in the head and as he fell to the floor the negro came up to him and fired another bullet, which entered Kinsaw's body. Norton, a customer, was shot twice, and the negro then ran out of the front of the store.

Anchlin, who stood on the sidewalk, attempted to stop Simmons. The negro tried to shoot, but the pistol misfired. He then began beating Anchlin over the head with one of the revolvers.

A few feet away, Deputy Sheriff Brachlor, who had heard the shots, stood in his office window and fired a shot over the negro's head to draw him away from Anchlin. The ruse succeeded and the negro started toward the window with pistols leveled. The deputy then shot the negro to death.

Edgerton is survived by a widow and a 2-weeks-old baby.

Mrs. Edgerton is the youngest sister of Mrs. Ed Green of Sikeston who is now in Deering with her sister. Mr. Green will attend the funeral which will take place Friday afternoon.

TOM BUGG INDICTED FOR BANK ROBBERY

Judge Kelly called a special session of the grand jury Wednesday to act on some information given by one of the Vanduser bank robbers.

After witnesses was heard a true bill was brought against Tom Bugg for complicity in the last Vanduser hold-up.

He was placed under a $11,000 bond to appear at the next term of Circuit Court. He is under $5000 bond in an old case pending in Court.

One of the men in jail at Benton turned Bugg to the officials.

Tools for the man who enjoys tinkering.—Farmers Supply Co.

The small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Zacher is reported to be quite ill.

Mrs. Jennie Beckwith and John Schinler of Cairo were visitors in Sikeston Tuesday.

Mesdames Harry Dover, Loomis Mayfield, W. A. Anthony, Earl Johnson and Clarence Felker were visitors in Cairo, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Young, Miss Josephine Robinson and Mrs. Chas. Penny of Poplar Bluff spent the first of the week in St. Louis.

Welcome To This Christmas Store

Where you will find everything in tune with the Spirit of Christmas. Stocks conveniently arranged so that you may do your Christmas shopping with the least expenditure of time, effort and money. You will welcome the even greater than usual care with which we will help you find the items you have in mind for filling your gift list. It is our desire that your choice never be hurried by us, but we are equally anxious that we do everything we can to aid in making your visit here an enjoyable and profftable one. We could give a list which might prove of assistance in making a list of the gifts you desire to give, but we could not consider it a complete list of the gift items ready for your choice here. There are many and all sensible.

Phone us for your Grocery and Meat needs for Christ- and we will deliver them.

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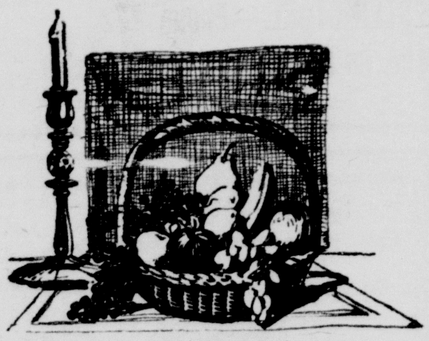
Patterson & Zillmer

Moore Bldg. **Malone Avenue**

Delicious Christmas Fruit



As a dessert for your Christmas dinner or to serve as a light lunch to Christmas callers, fruit cannot be surpassed. An assorted basket is a delightful gift to send to a friend.

We suggest the following as an aid to your Christmas table: English Walnuts, Cocoanuts, Pecans, Hazelnuts, Brazil Nuts, Hickory Nuts, Almonds—both shelled and in the shell.

Bananas, Grapes, Oranges, Lemons, Apples, Pears, Grapefruit, Tangerines, Raisins, Citron, Dates, Figs.

Cigars, Cigarettes, Tobaccos

Plum Puddings, Fig Puddings, Fruit Cakes, Candies, Candied Fruits, Lettuce, Celery, Cranberries, Cauliflower, all fresh vegetables, Christmas Trees.

We have a beautiful selection of sensible gifts.

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CASH

~~SIKESTON~~ GROCERY

SUTTON BROTHERS

LOCAL AND PERSONALS FROM MATTHEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Lancaster and children motored to Morley Sunday to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Deane and little daughter were Sikeston visitors Monday.

Mrs. Frank Ratcliff, who is at Mt. Vernon for her health, spent from Saturday until Tuesday here visiting her husband and two little girls.

W. H. Deane went to Sikeston on business, Tuesday.

Mrs. James Lancaster was a Sikeston visitor Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Holderby were New Madrid visitors Tuesday.

Little Earl Taylor is on the sick list this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Colbon were New Madrid visitors Wednesday.

Joe Stubbs of Sikeston had business in Matthews, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Gossit and children visited relatives in Sikeston Sunday.

Matthews All Stars went to Canalou Tuesday evening to play a game of basketball. The score was 49 to 14 in favor of Canalou.

Mrs. James Koglin and Mrs. John Smith of Canalou were Matthews visitors Tuesday.

Miss Regina Garner has been on the sick list.

Misses Emma and Myrtle Henderschott of near Kewanee visited with their aunt ,Mrs. Thos. Holderby, Saturday.

J. A. Weatherford and Homer Lancaster went to Sikeston Monday, on business.

Saturday night, December 20, will be long remembered in the history of Matthews High School, since it will be the time that the patrons will witness the first high school play given in the new auditorium. Seven hundred hand bills of the play have been ordered printed and will be scattered far and wide. Four hundred spectators are expected to be present and arrangements are being made to stretch the capacity of the house. You'll always be mad at yourself if you fail to hear this striking Western Comedy Drama. The troubles and sorrows of Little Josephine are interspersed with sparkling comdey by the two negro servants. You'll admire the big-hearted Mr. Roberts and wonder at the schemes invented by his wife. And you're sure to smile broadly and deep at the girl-shy foreman of the camp, who is in love so deeply that he can't express any of it.

Misses Myra Tanner and Pauline Graham spent last week-end in Cape Girardeau.

Bill Sikes and E. J. Keith were in Kewanee Wednesday looking after business matters.

The best place to supply your Christmas gift wants reasonable.—Famers Snpply Co.

Miss Carrie Schriefer will leave on Friday for Elorado, Ill., where she will spend the Christmas holidays with homefolks.

NEGRO HELD UP ROBBED OF $45.00

Thursday morning about 10:00 a negro man by the name of Poindexter, working at the Meyer Bros, gin, was held up by Henry Walker and another negro named Clarence St. Clair and robbed of $45 in cash.

After the negroes took the money they ran and Poindexter called for help. James Mocabee who was nearby, responded and caught one of the negroes, while two yohng men who were unloading hay nearby, gave chase, and after so long a time ran the other negro down. No money was found on either of the negroes, but a search near the Penecostal Church was made an four ten dollar bills were found in the weeds.

A hearing will be given the robbers shortly.

Many beautiful and serviceable Christmas gifts at the Farmers Supply Hardware Department.

Ruskin McCoy left Thursday afternoon for Clayton, where he was called on account of the death of his wife's father, Mr. Ruhl.

A couple of Sikeston football players got "turned around" while in St. Louis last Saturday. They could not locate a street car line that led in the direction they thought they wanted to go, so walked, and walked, until they covered forty city blocks before they located the union depot. Gene says he was not very tired, but Pochi was about all in.

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EVERSHARP PENCILS AND PENS
The Gift Shop
DERRIS, THE DRUGGIST

The Standard wishes to issue a solemn warning to negro slickers, and other negro law breakers, that they had better move back South or merd their ways. The jail is now full of negro loafers who would just as lieve be in jail as out, and we are strong in favor of the citizens of the community doing some regulating themselves. Fifty licks with a black snake on a black back would let them know to behave or leave. There are a number of law abiding negroes here and in this vicinity and they should see that the bad negroes leave or do better.

Wm. Buesching of New Madrid was a business visitor in Sikeston Thursday.

We are very sorry to learn that Mrs. Nettie Barnes is quite ill with pneumonia.

Rapid strides are being made towards putting a top dressing on the south road between Sikeston and New Madrid and by the first of January it will be entirely completed. The maintenance department of the State Highway will keep this in first class condition until the concrete road is laid in 1926.

Why An Editorial Column?

"The journalist who does nothing but paddle along with public opinion, without breasting the current of popular error, is of no value—none whatever'.—James M. Goodhue.' Commenting on this statement of that versatile newspaper publisher, Will Curtis, former treasurer of the National Editorial Association, says:

"Every newspaper worthy of the name should aspire to be of the utmost service and help to its community. It can only do this if it directs the thought of the community and helps to crystallize public sentiment on worthy objects.

"The editor cannot make himself a force for good in the community unless he expresses his convictions through his paper.

"It is through the editorial column that he gives character to the paper.

"Papers with an outstanding editorial policy that are fair in their editorials, clear and able on the issues before the people, do wield an influence over other editors, and in that way multiply their power for good.

"The editor of the country weekly, because he is known to a great majority of his readers, has the rare opportunity to be a leader for all that is good in his community. If he would measure up to what is expected of him, if he would be the power for good that he should be in his community, he will make his impress every week in the editorial column of his paper".

Farmers Take Notice

Five years ago, one Montana range that served about 20 stockmen had almost that many kinds of beef stock; their calves were piebald, mongrel brutes that always brought the bottom prices—where there were any calves to sell. Then the ranchers got together, bought several carloads of pedigreed Hereford bulls, and sold off or shot the other breeding stock. The result has been a 100-per-cent increase in the calf crop; a 100-per-cent increase in the finished steer price; and the ranchers need no laws to make them money. The plan of standardizing fruit, grain, livestock or poultry production for any locality, is the road to financial salvation.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil C. Reed were down from Benton Thursday for a visit with homefolks.

MADE-TO-MEASURE CLOTHES

Better But No Higher Than Hand-Me-Downs At

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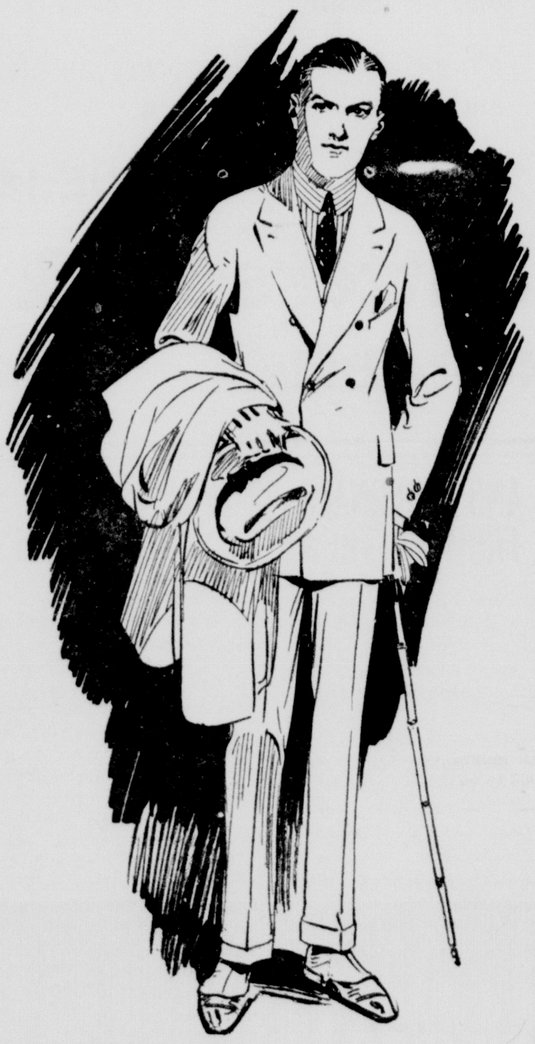

I will make you an all wool worsted suit equal in fabric to any $35 stock suit, with much better tailoring.
TRY US AND SEE

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Woolens from Kahn Tailoring Company and Ed. V. Price Co.

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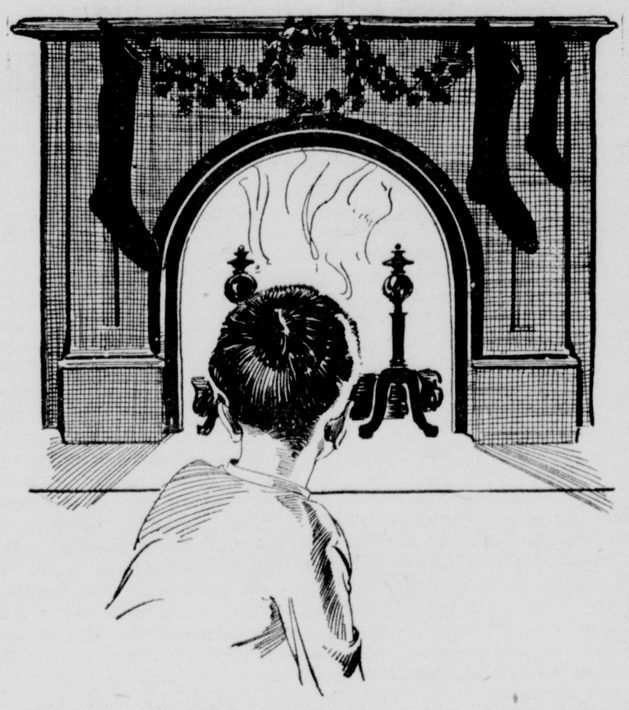
Suggestions For the Christmas Shopper
From S. E. Missouri's Best Hardware and Grocery Store

Items For The Christmas Table

Christmas Trees
English Walnuts
Cocoanuts
Pecans
Filberts
Brazil Nuts
Almonds
Bananas
Grapes
Oranges
Lemons
Apples
Pears
Grape Fruit
Tangerines
Raisins
Citron
Cigars
Cigarettes
Tobaccos

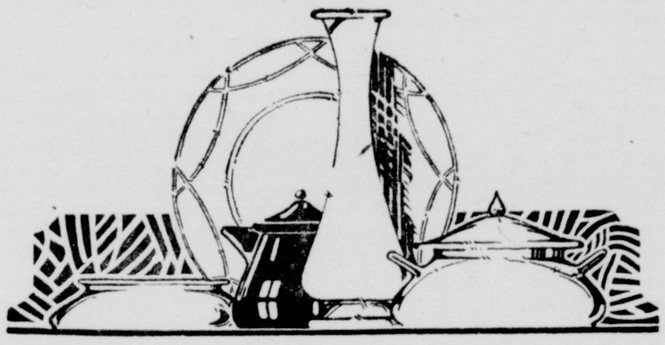


Items For Christmas Gifts

Electrical appliances
Bicycles
Velocipedes
Wagons
Carving Sets
Pocket Knives
Footballs
Tool Chests
Tinker Toys
Silverware, Community
Pyrex Ware
Aluminum Ware
Thermos Bottles
Cigarette Cases
Shot Guns and Rifles
Cut Glass
Flash Lights
Boxing Gloves for the boys
Jacobean Twist Candles, all colors

CHOOSE FROM OUR SHOWING

Plum Puddings
Fig Puddings
Fruit Cakes
Candies
Hickory Nuts Lettuce
Celery Cranberries
Hostess Cakes—all flavors
Cauliflower
Dates Figs
Candied Fruits



Candle Sticks
Electric Trains
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Visit our store and see the many wonderful values we are offering to the Christmas shopper.

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CORRESPONDENCE FROM MOREHOUSE

Miss Laura Mae Murphy, teacher of the Cline school, of the Morehouse school system, will present a Christmas program Saturday evening. There will be numerous piece including a short play. Judging from the buzz and the bustle among the students they mean to show a creditable entertainment. And there will be candy and Yuletide cheer distributed.

The Ymcie Sunday School class played the Morley Athletic Association a basketball game Tuesday night taking a beautiful beating of 26 to 19. Everyone who saw the game said it was a clean, fast and excellent game. Credit is due to the players of both sides for their skill and good sportsmanship.

Miss Prudence Sarff, Mrs. Hazel Wallace and Mrs. Thelma Mocabee, teaching the primary grades, presented a fairy play with fairies playing. The play was long, difficult, but admirably executed. The little youngsters entertained the large crowd from start to finish. Following this the high school glee club and entertainers made the gymnasium vibrate with the good cheer of the season.

The Morehouse girls' and boys' basketball teams will battle their old formidable foe the Madrid Bûglers, on the local court Friday night.

The Afternoon Bridge Club met at the home of Mrs. L. I. Gray, Wednesday afternoon. Those present were Mesdames D. L. Fisher, Josephine Hart, J. W. Sarff, Ed Hindman, R. M. Beinert, John Himmelberger, E. L. Fisher, Glenn Fisher, Bryce Edward, W. O. Mason and I. H. Dunaway.

A fire broke out in the Morehouse Stave Company mill Tuesday night. It was quickly extinguished without much damage being done.

Mrs. Fred Smith and Mrs. Alice Clark spent Wednesday shopping in Poplar Bluff.

Mrs. John Himmelberger visited in Cape Girardeau Tuesday.

Paul H. Teal, Supervisor of the Sixth District of Missouri, who lives just west of Morehouse, announces that there are 110 enumerators in the district, seven in New Madrid and six in Scott County. On account of the large increase in tenant farming brought about by the growing of cotton, it is expected that the total number of farms in this region will be about twice those reporting in 1920. D. A. Chiles of Matthews in enumerating the east half of district 46, comprising Hough, East and part of Big Prairie twp. John Meyers of Sikeston is working the Sandy Ridge and Sandy Woods and Richland twps. Mrs. R. E. Edwards is taking the census for west and part of Big Prairie twp.

Notice of Administration

Notice Is Hereby Given, That Letters of Administration on the estate of Thomas M. Bloomfield, deceased, were granted to the undersigned on the 9th day of December, 1924, by the Probate Court of Scott County, Missouri.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance within six months after the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such state; and if such claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of said letters, they shall be forever barred.

ZADA A. BLOOMFIELD,
Administratrix.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the (SEAL) Probate Court of Scott County.

THOS. B. DUDLEY,
Probate Judge.

FOR SALE—The Louis Hinkle farm about six miles southeast of Sikeston consisting of 320 acres and improvements, all in a high state of cultivation. Reasonable terms will be granted. 1 issue 4w.

The Standard $1.50, per year.

Gift for the Baby

When Mister Baby takes his place at the table a bib of some kind becomes a necessity. Here is one that will please him. It may be made of unbleached cotton, white oilcloth or linen cut in the semblance of a rabbit. Oilcloth may be painted, but usually cotton floss is used to outline the features and the edges of the figure.

Two years ago, hte county agricultural agent of Umatilla county, Oreg., made inquiry in regard to sources of pure seed of Jenkin Club wheat and ascertained through the county agent in Latah County, Idaho, that it could be obtained there. Accordingly a carload of Latah County strain of Jenkin Club wheat was purchased by growers in Umatilla County, Oreg. Evidence of the spread of influence of this shipment is seen in the fact that there was grown in Umatilla County this year 20,000 acres of Jenkin Club wheat, at least 18,000 acres of which is of the Latah County strain. This is an interesting example of variety standardization work that is a marked feature of agricultural extension work in the Northwestern States.

Bank of Wyatt, Mo., Closed

Jefferson City, Dec. 17.—The State Finance Department today took over the fortieth bank under State supervision to fail since January 1. The bank was the Wyatt Bank of Wyatt, Mississippi County, which was closed by order of its directors. The telegram sent to the department today by William A. Wyatt, vice president, did not give the cause of closing, but urged that a bank examiner be sent at once to take charge.

The last statement of condition filed by the bank, June 30, last, showed a capital of $25,000, but bills payable $62,000 an unusually large amount for the size of the bank. It listed one item showing expenses were $9.70 in excess of profits. Deposits totaled $42,941.70 and a surplus of $5000 was claimed. Loans, aggregating $120,848.40, were listed. J. W. Hawkins is president of the bank, William A. Wyatt, vice president and O. T. Dalton, cashier.

Tax-Exempts Burden Industries

An issue of Salem, Oregon, tax-exempt improvement bonds, bearing 6 per cent, sold for a premium of more than one year's interest during life of bond. Similar bonds bring approximately equal prices.

Tax-free bonds are large enough in volume to make it difficult to secure money for industrial investments, and they abnormally increase rates for money for farms, for factories and business. Being tax-free, they leave the burden of national, state and community support on operating industries thus enforcing a double penalty. The theory and practice is wrong.

Judge Julius Misfeldt of Cape Girardeau was a Sikeston visitor Thursday and paid The Standard a visit. He reports the cotton on his big farm near Diehlstadt as being fair.

MISSOURI WEEKLY INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Altenburg—Road to be improved betwen this place and Wittenburg.

Trenton—New concrete road opened to traffic west of here.

St. Louis—Three carloads of butter shipped to New York markets.

Wyaconda—Wyaconda Produce Co. erecting large cold storage plant.

Kansas City—Contract let for construction of six additional stories to Argyle building, at Twelfth and McGee streets.

Garden City—Dairying industry shows increase in Cass county, according to Blue Valley Creamery Institute.

Sedalia—New Pettis county courthouse nearing completion.

Branson—Tobacco market to be established here for operation commencing January 1.

Hollister—Good crop of hickory nuts reported in this vicinity.

Centropolis—Plans formulating for establishment of new banking institution in place of reorganizing defunct Centropolis bank.

Joplin—Joplin National Bank installing new vaults.

Monett—Frisco railroad to build spur from Wightman switch to Bricefield mines distance of 9 miles.

Excelsion Springs—Elks to dedicate new home soon.

Fayette—Contract let for paving 12 miles of highway in Howard county.

Blythedale—New school building dedicated.

Kansas City—Work started on construction of 32-apartment hotel building on east Eleventh street.

Emma Goldman denounces the Red regime in Russia, preparatory to an effort to return to our country.

LOST—$25.00 REWARD

Leather Suit Case, between Lilbourn, Mo. and New Madrid, on State Highway No. 9, Friday, December 12th. Will pay above reward for the return on suit case and contents. Contents consisted of five ladies dresses, one beaded purse and some Christmas presents.

W. S. WATERS,
New Madrid, Mo.

Vernon Skillman spent the weekend in St. Louis.

For Mah Jongg Table

The requirements of mah jongg are met by this tablet-and-pencil set, in which the tablet is covered with black oilcloth, with adornment of painted flowers and lettering in vivid colors. The pencil is white with a band in black and tiny flowers—to match the tablet. Long ribbons attached provide a means of mooring it.

Belated Modesty

The country has received a satisfactory thrill from the announcement made by the American Federation of Labor that it will keep out of politics will not support a Third Party and will remain strictly nonpartisan.

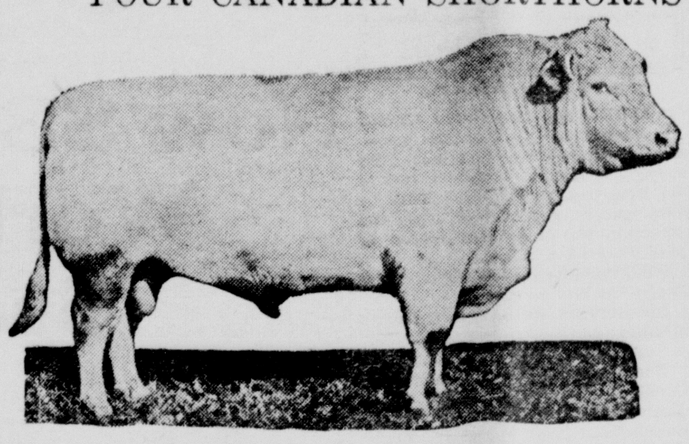
These clever but somewhat meaningless declarations bobbed up repeatedly at the El Paso convention and were given a halo of sincerity in the form of solemn resolutions that the National Labor Council, that dictates policies of American Federation, would be good and modest and not undertake to run state or national politics.

The public generally will take all these protestations of humility with a grain of salt, knowing it has been the habit of these leaders to jump into the political arena at any time and offer to take charge of state or national affairs.

The November election was such a condemnation of bloc. class and special interest politics that belated modesty of any class organization seems too much like a compulsory flare of virtue assumed for the time being.

The Standard $1.50, per year.

PRINCE OF WALES EXHIBITED FOUR CANADIAN SHORTHORNS



"King of the Fairies," Imported Shorthorn Bull Which Is Heading the Prince of Wales' Herd on His "E. P." Ranch, High River, Alberta, Canada.

The prince of Wales exhibited four Shorthorn cattle from his "E. P." ranch, High River, Alberta, at the International Live Stock exposition in Chicago. Although the prince only started his herd four years ago, it has already won fame at the Canadian shows and he was willing to pit his animals against the best in the world at Chicago.

This quartette was headed by the white herd bull, "King of the Fairies," which the prince imported last year and included the outstanding animal, "Princeton Rosewood." The other two entries were recently sold at an auction held on the ranch during the Prince's visit and were exhibited in the names of their new owners, as a demonstration of what is being accomplished on the "E. P." ranch.

One of these, the nine-month-old bull calf, "Princeton Enthusiast," was purchased for $775, the top sale of the auction, by Maj. Gordon W. Lilley, Pawnee, Okla., better known as "Pawnee Bill," after being undefeated in his class at the Western Canada fair this summer. The other animal now belongs to H. Morison of Lacombe, Alberta, who paid $350 for this white two-year-old heifer, "Princeton Countess."

The "E. P." ranch lies south of Calgary in a great grain and stock country, famous for many years back as the location of some celebrated ranches of which the "Bar U" is one. The rolling foothills of the Rockies form the western horizon of this section. Manager W. L. Carlyle has imported some splendid Shorthorns for the "E. P." ranch and is breeding up a herd in which the royal rancher takes great pride. Hampshire and Shropshire sheep are also being raised.

Sparrow Is Blamed for Spreading New Disease

A new count has been found in the indictment against the English sparrow. Not only is he noisy, filthy, and pugnacious, but he sometimes harbors a parasite and spreads infection to other birds.

That this parasite may also affect chickens and turkeys, a fact which seems never to have been noted before, is reported by Dr. W. A. Riley of the division of entomology and economic zoology and Dr. H. C. H. Kernkamp of the division of veterinary medicine, University of Minnesota, who examined infested chickens from a flock raised on the shore of Lake Minnetonka and turkeys from a farm near Vining, Ottertail county.

The university men found that the fowls were infested with a parasitic worm which lives in tumors or cysts about the size of buckshot on the skin, these tumors being more numerous near the vent and extending up over the body and on the legs. While there is no evidence that the health of infested fowls will suffer materially, the presence of the tumors will undoubtedly lessen the market value of poultry.

"The parasite has been known in Europe for more than 100 years as occurring in song birds and has been reported a few times on wild birds in this country," says Doctor Riley, "but was never known to be on poultry."

Keep Cabbage in Cellar at Proper Temperature

Cabbage keeps best at a temperature slightly above freezing from 38 to 40 degrees Fahrenheit. Many cellars are too warm for cabbage and when it is to be stored in large amounts the best method is the outside pit. When the cellar is kept at the desired temperature the best way of keeping the cabbage in it is to bury the heads in boxes of sand. Only the good, solid heads should be stored. They should be pulled when they reach a good size but not left until very large. The late varieties should be stored as they keep better than others.

Farm Hints

Push the pullets for heavy egg production.

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Be sure to supply plenty of green feed through the winter to your birds.

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Put all machinery in the shed so it will be in good condition to use next year.

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"New occasions teach new duties," says Lowell, and that is true in farming as elsewhere.

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The soy bean furnishes probably the best balanced protein which we have in the vegetable kingdom.

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The good corn farmer does not plant nubbins. Why should the fruit grower buy scrub trees to set an orchard?

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Too many farmers still do not realize that the experiment stations and agricultural colleges exist largely to save costly mistakes and long experience struggles by farmers.

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Silage will lower the cost of the ration, make sure a profit from live stock, and greatly increase the value of the crops. As a rule, a silo will pay for itself the first year. What other farm investment will pay 100 per cent? Competition now demands economical feeding.

Properly Prepared Poultry for Market

Fowls Should Be Confined Few Days and Fed Mash.

Poultry that are hastily caught up and taken to market before they are properly prepared for market will prove unsatisfactory both to the dealer and consumer, according to O. A. Barton, poultry specialist of the North Dakota Agricultural college.

"The poultry should be confined to close quarters and fed a wet mash of pancake batter for from ten days to two weeks," he says. "Cockerels taken care of in this manner will show a gain of from 20 to 35 per cent and will be in much better market condition, thus demanding a better price.

"Equal quantities of wheat, oats and corn or wheat, oats and barley, ground fine and wet with either buttermilk or sour milk makes a good fattening ration. Use one pound of ground feed and two pounds of milk. If milk is not available, add 15 to 20 per cent of meat scraps or tankage to the ground feed and wet with water, using one and one-half pounds of water to one pound of ground feed. This should be fed three times daily, but only what will be consumed in ten to fifteen minutes.

"If cull hens are not in good condition it is a good idea to feed them the same ration. Turkeys need to be grown out well before attempting to finish them for the market. Access to sour milk and dry mash of the ground feed mentioned will help materially to develop the birds."

Conditions Required to Store Roots for Winter

The three conditions necessary for successfully storing root crops are, good ventilation, freedom from dampness and a temperature just above the freezing point. A cool cellar is the most convenient place but outside pits may be used if necessary. Bins in the barn where the temperature does not vary too much may also be used. From 20 to 30 pounds of beets make a good feed for a dairy cow. Since they are low in protein, other feeds should be furnished to provide this important part of the ration. A ration of beets with alfalfa or clover hay may be fairly satisfactory, but if the hay is not of good quality, some narrow ratio concentrate like bran or oil meal must be added.

Correct Proportion of Alfalfa to Feed Pigs

Not more than 5 per cent of a pig's ration should consist of ground alfalfa. If made to eat more than that he will not gain as rapidly as without it. The best way to feed alfalfa to pigs is in the form of hay. However, sometimes they will not eat it in that form and when the ration is such that they ought to have some of it, it should be ground and mixed with the feed. Allow the pigs to balance their own ration by letting them help themselves from a self-feeder.

Fix Drain for Silo

There is considerable difference of opinion among dairy experts as to whether a silo should or should not have a concrete floor and drain. Thousands of silos are in use and giving satisfactory service without a concrete floor, while many good dairy men think that a concrete floor and drain is an advantage. If the soil underneath will permit liquid to be absorbed, then a hole in the floor is all that is needed in the way of a drain.

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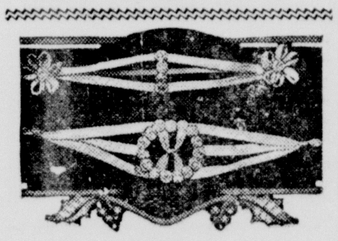

The most fashionable of pretty headbands, for evening wear, are those made of narrow silver ribbons, adorned with rosettes or tiny roses of the same.

BUBONIC PLAGUE AMONG RATS AT NEW ORLEANS

Washington, Dec. 17.—Request for an immediate appropriation of $275,000 to be used in controlling a reported outbreak of bubonic plague among rats at New Orleans and vicinity was forwarded to Congress today by the Treasury Department.

Acting Surgeon-General White said tonight that the outbreak, as reported to the Public Health Service, was confined to rats. No human cases, he emphasized, have been reported, and the appropriation was sought merely to enable experts to get to work immediately upon experimentation of the disease among the animals.

The money, Congress was informed, would be placed at the command of the public health service which on December 4, first received a report, the communcation sent to Speaker Gillett said that there was evidence of bubonic plague at New Orleans.

Control of the outbreak, it was declared, involves immediate trapping of rodents in suspected areas, suppression of disease among lower animals and the inspection and fumigation of all outgoing vessels to comply with international requirements.

Santa's Novel Dolls

Santa Claus has been cordially invited by millions of little girls to pay his annual visit and bring along a new doll. He has asked their mother to help him stock up with up-to-date dollies that are washable. Here is one of them—little Red Riding Hood—all of red oil cloth, except her head, which must be bought.

Marion McFarland, south of Sikeston, gives credit to his hens and cows for helping his farm break even this time.

Mrs. Charles Penny returned to Poplar Bluff Thursday morning, after a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Harry Young and family.

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The rains fell and the winds blew in the most Biblical manner and winter came after its usual fashion. The chimney settled a little and there was a tiny crack.

One morning the woman woke up with fire all about her. She tried to get to her children. If she got to them, no one ever knew it. The good citizen who built the house was not arrested for manslaughter. He is still building other houses of the same kind for other women and children.

He makes his living by it.—National Fire Protection Association.

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Suggestions on Feeding Forage

Mistake to Leave Animals in Fields Until Crops Are Cleaned Up.

A mistake often made when crops are harvested by turning live stock in on them is to turn feeder stock into the fields and to leave the animals there until the fields are entirely cleaned up of all feed. At the beginning of such a feeding period feed is relatively plentiful and the stock makes some gains in weight. Later, when the animals should be on heavier feed, the supply of feed is relatively scarce and it requires a lot of moving around for an animal to get enough feed to continue making a gain. Sometimes animals come to a standstill or even lose weight on this account. Such a loss in weight is a double loss.

Let Stock Clean Up.

A better plan where a whole crop is to be fed to live stock is to harvest the better part of the crop and allow the stock to clean up the remainder; then, when this is gone, feed the harvested part of the crop and avoid losing any of the gains made from the cleanup of the field. Another way of harvesting a crop with live stock is to remove the fattening stock before feed becomes scarce and replace them with other stock to clean up what the fattening stock has left.

Water Is Essential.

A readily available supply of good drinking water is also essential when stock is used to harvest a crop. When a fattening animal has to walk a mile or so for a drink it won't always drink enough water, especially on cold, windy days. It takes a lot of energy for a fat animal to walk any great distance and to produce this energy it requires feed, so a good water supply will save feed.—E. H. Huelskemper, Extension Service, Colorado Agricultural College.

It's Very Necessary to Supply Egg Ingredients

When we realize that a hen makes eggs containing all the twelve elements needed in human nutrition and makes them out of raw material, we see how necessary it is that she be supplied with the needed ingredients for producing eggs. Eggs contain iron, and most of this iron must go into the fowls' systems through the green leaves they eat. That is why poultry must be supplied with clover or alfalfa throughout the winter.

Ground alfalfa is used extensively in poultry rations, both in the dry mash and in wet mash, or sometimes as steamed greens. Greens fed in this way are good, but we find hay preferable. In the first place, the ground alfalfa seems rather heavy and the birds do not relish it as they should. Besides this you will notice that when the birds are fed hay, they leave the hard woody parts and eat only the leaves and tender parts.

A little observation will show you that any animal that is in a reproducing condition will consume more leaves and green food than when it is not reproducing. For this reason, a hen that is laying needs more green food than when she is not laying, as some of these elements used in building eggs are taken out of her system every day.

Clover Hay More Than Doubles Gain in Lambs

A little clover hay and linseed oil cake lowered the feed cost and more than doubled the daily gain in weight when fed to lambs in tests in lambing down corn at the Ohio experiment station.

In a 41-day test 24 lambs turned into standing corn without additional feed made an average daily gain of .16 pounds at a cost of $14.89 per 100 pounds gain. A similar lot receiving three-fourths pound of good clover hay in addition to standing corn made a daily gain of .34 pounds at a cost of $9.45 per 100 pounds.

Linseed oil cake added to the clover hay at the rate of .15 pound per lamb still further increased the daily gain and lowered its cost per hundred.

Kerosene Oil for Roup

Some people have had good results by treating roup with common kerosene oil. Put a spoonful of the oil in a pail of water and dip the heads of the sick birds into it. With a slow, steady motion, draw the bird's head through the film of oil, withdraw slowly, and wipe dry. The oil seems to kill the germs of the local disease and stimulates the mucous membranes to renewed action.

Waste Oil Made Useful

Waste oil removed from the crank case of tractors and automobiles can be put to good use this fall freeing poultry flocks of mites.

An oil spray can be used effectively to kill the mites found on and near roosts. Almost any oil can be used but since many flock owners have automobiles, the waste crank case oil is the most practical material.

When Eggs Are Low

The very low level to which the price of eggs dropped this spring has awakened the country to the fact that if we are to continue to produce eggs in the present quantity at a profit we must produce them cheaper, have less loss between producer and consumer, reduce the cost of handling, and create more market by making eggs more attractive to the housewife.

The Message of the Violets

By CECELIA FARWELL

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WE WERE wrapped loosely in soft tissue and laid in a big white box. It was damp and dark and cool in the box, like the night-time when we nestled down under our big green leaves and went to sleep under the stars.

When the box was opened I heard a soft voice exclaim, "Oh! Violets!" and we were gathered up, so gently that not a petal was crushed, and pressed against a girl's face.

Something damp fell on one of my petals—tears—though I heard a soft, happy laugh. She laid us down ever so carefully and picked up a little square of stiff paper, giving a quick little gasp, "Oh!" There was a new note in it. She sat down by the table and was very still for a long time, only her hand touching us lightly, lovingly. My tiny violet heart thrilled at her caress, though I did not understand.

Then, slowly, hesitatingly, she reached toward the telephone that stood on the table behind our box, but drew it back quickly. I wondered. She leaned over us and I felt her lips touch me gently; it was as if she whispered into my ear, "Why not?" She took up the instrument, but her voice trembled as she called a number.

We all kept very still, not even a rustle among us, but we sent out our sweet perfume to her, for somehow, we knew that she needed us. We could hear every word when a man's voice answered.

"Hello."

"Mr. Graham?" The soft voice did not tremble now.

"Hello—what—why—it is Elizabeth!" There was amazement and joy in the tones.

"Yes. I—I wanted to—to thank you for the violets."

"To thank me—Elizabeth—I don't understand."

"They came—addressed to me, and your card. I wanted to—to thank you, that was all."

Then the man said a very strange thing. We heard him plainly, and so did Elizabeth, but instead of putting that instrument down in a hurry, so that she could not hear another word, she just held part of it close against her shoulder, so that no sound could go into it, and laughed. What the man had said was: "Well, I'll be d——d!"

Then he added quickly, and I didn't like the tone of it, for it sounded jealous, and from what Elizabeth had said I did not think that he had any right to be jealous: "Say, Elizabeth, are you in the habit of getting flowers from Lister's?"

"No. I have never had any from there before."

"Oh—I thought maybe they had put my card in the wrong box."

"Then they were not for me?" Her voice sounded a little tired.

"No—yes—wait a moment, Elizabeth—don't hang up.

"Of course it was a mistake—I wouldn't have dared. But—listen, Elizabeth—of—I can't tell you by telephone—may I come up and tell you how it happened?"

His voice was eager, but Elizabeth's sounded just like a frosty morning: "I don't think that is necessary. It was a mistake, I understand."

After a long time the door opened and a young man came in—a tall young man, with gray eyes that smile. He wasn't the least handsome, just big—but his eyes made up for everything.

Elizabeth stood very still by the table. He came over and laid his hand on hers, which rested lightly on us, but she slipped hers from under it. He gathered some of us up in his hands, tenderly, and held us out to her, but she shook her head, and said, sadly: "They are not for me."

He laid us back carefully, and said slowly: "It is eight months since I have sent you violets, Elizabeth—but I have—wanted to—every day.

"This morning I stopped in at Campbell's. I had promised—Margie—some roses. As I waited for the man I remembered that I had always sent you violets from Campbell's and, somehow, I didn't want to—send—flowers to any one else—from there. So I went on—to Lister's. I was thinking of you, you see, and the violets.

"I didn't intend to order violets—but I did. I remembered, after I went out. The man had looked at me sort of surprised when I said to him, 'You will send them right up?' and he answered, 'They will be delivered immediately.' I didn't know that I had written a downtown address. My heart had written it for me. So, you see, dear, they are for you."

He gathered some of us into his hands again and held them out to her. This time she took them in both hands.

And when he saw that there were tears in her eyes he took her into his arms.

After a long moment she said in a sort of gasping whisper: "But Margie?"

He laughed happily. "Oh, Margie will be all right. She doesn't really want me—she just wanted the last new man—I was it! She'll probably break the engagement because I did not send those roses!"

Then he gathered up a double-handful of violets and lifted them above her head, letting them fall in a shower over her brown hair. But she gathered up every one, carefully, exclaiming: "Oh, my precious flowers—my dear little violets that have brought me such happiness. I must get some water for them—I want them to live forever!"

He Overheard the Conversation

By JESSIE H. ERNST

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STANLEY TOWNSEND wondered whether he really loved Gloria Ganes. He had many symptoms but he wasn't positive. A great importance seemed to cling to anything she admired. There was always joy in being with her and loneliness in not seeing her.

That night he had an engagement to take her to dinner. It was Sunday. It had proved a dull day. He paid a few unimportant calls and then went to his club. It was almost six o'clock. He was just getting into his overcoat to go home to dress when he encountered Harry Clark, a fellow member and a casual friend. Clark was also about to leave.

"I'll walk a way with you, Townsend, if you wait a few seconds. I've promised to telephone a girl about a party she is arranging. But it won't take me a second." Clark bellowed a telephone number to the switchboard operator. It was Gloria Ganes' number. Townsend gasped, choked and waited. The telephone booth was right next to him. Clark's voice from inside came through the glass door and could be plainly heard. "Anything for papa's pet!" Clark was saying. "Oh you beautiful doll! Let me kiss away the blues! I'll be there tomorrow night with bells on, and you'd better put a court plaster on that mole!"

Clark put down the receiver and with a radiant smile of satisfaction opened the door of the booth. Townsend uttered a few banal words, "Forgotten engagement. I've got to hurry on."

Clark nodded good naturedly and picked up a magazine. "Ever read this article on being positive?"

Townsend flung a curt "No," and hurried out.

Being positive! It was remarkable how a simple thing will accomplish what weeks of mental debate will not. Marriage versus celibacy. In less than two minutes his admiration for Gloria Ganes had been killed and he was now quite positive that he did not want to marry her or anyone else.

He would take her to dinner but that would end their friendship forever. He had often heard others talk of the torture of disillusion. Townsend felt that at last he knew the reality of it.

He was cold and distant when Gloria entered the drawing room in her shimmering gown of mountain haze and silver. He helped her on with her evening coat without the usual tremble that made his hands awkward. He suggested the restaurant they dine at, instead of waiting for her suggestion. He pointed out to the headwaiter the table that he wanted, instead of waiting timidly to be shown to the worst table in the room. When he asked Gloria what she wished to eat and she said "You order," he did, and ordered everything he wanted.

At last they were back in Gloria's drawing room and it was time to say goodnight. But Gloria went to the piano and started to play. Something dreamy and soothing. He lighted a cigarette, then put it out and felt for his pipe.

"I'm not going to see you any more. I want to say goodbye," he began. Gloria continued to play.

"Gloria, did you hear what I said?"

"Yes—"

"Doesn't it mean anything to you?"

"That you are not going to see me any more: that you want to say goodbye?"

"Yes--"

"You might see me again, accidently."

"I'm not fooling."

"Are you leaving the city?"

"No. But something happened tonight to completely disillusion me with you."

"What happened?"

"I overheard your conversation with Harry Clark. He called you up from the club and quite accidentally I happened to be standing near him. Will you please stop playing that stupid music!"

"It's beautiful music. I mayn't be playing it as well as it should be played."

"I want your attention."

"I am listening. You said you were disillusioned with me, because you heard Harry Clark telephone me."

"Have you ever kissed Harry Clark?"

"I don't think so."

"Think so! Don't you know?"

"We're awfully good friends. I've known him for years."

"If you knew me for years you'd kiss me?"

"Perhaps."

And then a strange thing happened. Some impelling emotion made Townsend take Gloria very roughly in his arms and kiss her lips with cruel ardor and desire. Gloria lay quietly, and unresisting.

When Townsend finally released her Gloria managed to say, "You weren't disillusioned; you were merely jealous."

The next day when Harry Clark telephoned Gloria she sparkled in transports of happiness over the wire. "You must have acted the part marvelously. He was terribly jealous. We got engaged last night. I've promised never to see you again."

"Perhaps some day we'll tell him. By the way, do you want that article back—being positive? I couldn't get him to read it last night."

"It's all right. He doesn't need it now."

Breaking It Gently

By FRANK WALL

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THERE were times when Lawson McCormick, head of the wholesale lumber house of that name, felt strongly inclined to break the rule of his firm that no employee must be fired except for murder or something desperate like that. He glanced at Miss Beggs and sighed.

Well, there were other ways. "Miss Beggs," he said gently.

His secretary roused herself from a pleasant day-dream. "Yes, dearie," she murmured absent-mindedly.

"Please take a letter," snapped McCormick. "To Iamstalevich Bamgoozlum, 1234 Ornitherinchus Building, Eusopoedia, Pa.," he said blandly. "While psycho-analysis is not, metaphorically speaking, an integral part of our activities, we are pleased to elucidate your query. Psycho-analysis is a kind of vivisection of the subjective faculties, whereas metaphysics is the science which circumnambulates about non-existent abstractions."

"Let me have that right away, Miss Beggs," he added.

"Gee!" murmured Miss Beggs reproachfully as she went to her desk.

Thereafter for about five minutes there was an intermittent tapping on her typewriter, broken by periods of eloquent silence; but at last she brought the letter to her chief.

"You're very slow," he said sharply. "I wanted this right away."

"Bit peeved, aren't you?" said Miss Beggs mildly. "Don't mind me."

McCormick was reading the letter. "Yamskill O'Witch Bamboozles, 1234 Ornerywinkus Building, Useapoodle, Pa. While sikonallisis is not metterferically speaking an integgeral part of our activities we are pleased to lucydate your queery. Sikonallisis is a kind of vivisuction of the subjective faculters, whereas metterfissics is the science which shirks a perambulater about non-existent substractions."

"There isn't a mistake you could have made that you haven't made," growled McCormick.

"Kind of thorough," said Miss Beggs, and she faded away into one of the day dreams.

McCormick regarded her thoughtfully. She was plain in every way in which a girl can be plain, but her face usually had a look of good-humored shrewdness which made him like her in spite of herself. Just at present though her expression was one of rapt foolishness.

McCormick tore the letter fifty ways at once and threw it into his waste-paper basket. "Miss Beggs!" he said sharply.

Her head turned slowly, but she did not speak. She was too far gone in dreamland to come back all at once.

"Miss Beggs!" he shouted. "Oh, Miss Beggs!"

And just when the attention of every one in the office had been attracted she looked up at him. "Yes, lovey?" she murmured.

McCormick tore his hair. "Take this away and drown it!" he muttered. "Oh, ye gods, what have I done to deserve this?"

"Take another letter," he said explosively. "I'll give you the name and address presently."

He sat drumming with his fingers for a moment and then: "I regret to have to inform you," he dictated in a level voice, "That your work recently has been characterized by sheer stupidity. It is unfortunately the rule of this house not to dismiss employees for stupidity. . . ."

Miss Beggs was wide awake now. She rose, gathering her notebook and pencil, and looked him straight in the eyes. "I'm sorry, Mr. McCormick," she said in a low voice. "You got me on a lot of unusual words that time . . . and I've been day-dreaming a lot, too. . . ."

And then, man like, and perhaps because he'd always had a kind of liking for this queer little secretary of his, he rushed to the other extreme. "I'd no right to speak that way," he said. "Suppose we both forget, will you? I haven't any more letters just now. Will you tell my son I'd like to see him?"

"I'm leaving on Saturday," she said wistfully.

"Ah!" said McCormick, and in that monosyllable he expressed a whole dictionary of joy and relief. "Er—I hope your decision isn't final, Miss Beggs?"

"Well . . . I got married last week-end. . . ."

"I wouldn't try to dissuade you for the world," he said hastily: "If you've made up your mind to go, we'll have to manage somehow. I'll never have a secretary like you again," he said earnestly.

And she gave him that queer little likeable smile that made her homely face so charming at times. "It's very nice of you to say that," she murmured.

"I'll tell you one thing," he said, and he really meant this: "I may have a more efficient secretary, since we're trying to be frank to each other, but I'll never have one who'll stand my moods and tempers so splendidly as you have. As a private secretary, you're the best-tempered girl in the office."

And this time she fairly beamed at him. "An even temper is a good quality for a wife to have," she said thoughfully.

"You bet it is."

"It's a pretty good quality for a daughter-in-law, too, isn't it?"

And when he didn't reply: "Jack was scared to break the news to you," she said smilingly.

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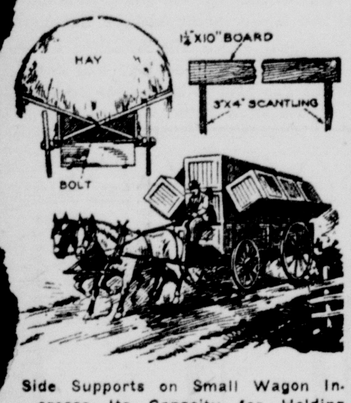
Increase Capacity of Small Vehicles

Two Side Supports Will Prove Convenient.

Loads of merchandise, which are light in weight but large and bulky in size, can easily be carried on small wagons by providing two side supports of the kind shown in the drawing. The supports are made by nailing a 10-inch board to two lengths of 2 or 3 by 4-inch wood, as shown in the upper right-hand detail, and the supports are then arranged on the wagon box, as shown in the left-hand view, with the 2 by 4-inch legs crossing each other. The legs should be bolted together to keep the supports in position securely, so that heavy loads will not displace them. Large



Side Supports on Small Wagon Increase Its Capacity for Holding Bulky Loads.

loads of hay and straw, and shocks of wheat, oats, etc., can readily be carried with the assistance of such a rack, and, as it is light in weight, it can be set up by one man.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

Use of Disk Harrow Is Favored on Old Pasture

If an old pasture is to be seeded to sweet clover, and particularly if it is on a piece of land that is not especially well suited to farming purposes so that it is not desirable to have it plowed, I would advise the use of the disk harrow on it this fall and then go on and seed unscarified sweet clover seed at the rate of 12 to 15 pounds to the acre. In seeding the unscarified seed I should want to have a germination test on it and know the percentage of hard seeds. Some unscarified seed contains a large amount of seed that will grow immediately, that is, it is not hard seed.

The only advantage of seeding the unscarified seed in the fall is that the work can be done away from the pressure of spring work and, furthermore, it will give the seed the full advantage of early seeding the following spring. The freezing and thawing of early spring will usually soften the seed that lies near the surface sufficiently so that it will germinate. Where spring seeding is practiced the scarified seed should be used.

I should prefer to use the white blossom sweet clover for pasture purposes because of its longer season of growth and greater yielding capacity. —H. L. Walster, North Dakota College of Agriculture.

Bank Rutabaga Turnips to Keep During Winter

Rutabaga turnips may be kept in perfect condition throughout the winter if dug in late November or early December and banked in soil. Cut off the tops close to the turnips and trim the roots, place the turnips in banks containing from 5 to 15 bushels each, and cover with 8 to 12 inches of soil. There is no necessity for putting straw around the turnips; the soil will keep them cool and moist.

The turnips may be taken from the bank any time during the winter as needed. They will keep in perfect condition in the bank until the weather turns warm in early March.

FARM NOTES

An hour a day makes farm reading pay.

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Tenant farming and soil depletion go hand in hand.

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The dirt farmer, if he would be successful, must also be a brain farmer.

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In opening up the silos be very careful to remove all the moldy and rotted silage on top.

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Early picked corn makes best seed. Early selection, rapid drying, and safe storing insure a good seed supply.

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If the embattled farmers will stand together in co-operative selling, they can fire a shot heard around the world.

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Farming is the only business which its operators have tried to run solely from the producing end, disregarding the selling end.

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Put the soft corn in a silo; or feed it out as soon as possible; or dry it and feed later on. Some of it will even make good seed if carefully dried and stored.

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See that the young calves are fed warm clean milk and that the quantity fed is not varied suddenly, and sterilize the milk pails after each feeding.

Cabbage Flavor Is Undesirable

Some Crops Often Fed to Dairy Cows as Means of Supplying Succulence.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Succulent feeds in the ration of dairy cows have come to have such importance that many crops not grown primarily for this purpose may enter into the ration. Cabbage and potatoes, though not generally grown for dairy feeds, are often fed to dairy cows as a means of supplying succulence and disposing economically of products that are otherwise unmarketable.

Impart Bad Odors.

Like other succulent feeds, cabbage and potatoes may have a tendency to impart undesirable flavors and odors to the milk, says the United States Department of Agriculture, if fed under certain conditions. Tests have been conducted by the department to determine the extent to which these crops affect the flavor of milk and how they may be fed and the milk handled so as to minimize such effect.

It was found that on the average when dairy cows consume as much as 14.3 pounds of cabbage within one hour before milking time, abnormal and objectionable flavors are produced in the milk. An increase in the amount of cabbage fed intensifies these flavors. An average of 25 pounds of cabbage may be consumed immediately after milking, however, without having objectionable flavors in the milk become noticeable. Some of these flavors may be eliminated by proper aeration of the milk, and others greatly reduced.

Flavor of Potatoes.

The feeding of 14.8 pounds of potatoes an hour before milking may flavor the milk to a slight extent, but hardly enough to be detected by the average consumer. Increasing this amount of potatoes does not increase the abnormal flavors and odors produced in the milk. Dairy cows may be fed as much as 28 pounds of potatoes immediately after milking, with no resultant off flavors in the milk.

Forced Egg Production With Artificial Light

Using artificial lights on pullets to force egg production during the first year and letting the hens work under natural conditions the second year is the practice recommended by the department of poultry husbandry at South Dakota State college after careful experimentation with forced egg production under artificial lights.

The forced production has been found advisable only in the case of birds which are not to be bred the following spring, for forcing future breeders, it has been found, causes them to produce the eggs which are less fertile and which hatch poorly. In other words, forced production by artificial light plan makes weak breeders.

Artificial lighting, when properly used, has decided advantages, however. It means more winter eggs. The lighting lengthens the hen's working day, and more work means more feed consumed, which brings about a greater production of eggs.

The increased production is secured, however, only at this season. The total yearly production, it has been found, is not increased. The gain in production comes at the season of the year when the price of eggs is high, which makes this method worth considering.

Covered Farm Machinery Doubles Length of Life

Double the length of the life of farm machinery by giving it a shelter that will protect it from "old man" weather. That is the way F. W. Duffee of the department of agricultural engineering, University of Wisconsin, puts it.

"People are learning that the life of farm machinery is really considerably longer than they formerly thought. Binders, mowers and other farm machinery of this type, if well housed, should last 20 to 25 years but manure spreaders, even of the best make, would probably not last longer than ten years at the most when housed," he continued.

"The average investment for farm machinery on a 160-acre farm is approximately $1,600, according to the 1922 census. A well constructed machine shed, suitable for a farm of 160 acres, would cost about $800 for frame construction, and for sheds built from poles and rough boards the shed will cost but a fraction of that figure. Then after the shed is constructed, the application of a coat of paint once in a while will make the shed last 40 to 60 years," was the statement made by Duffee.

Pelvic Bones Indicate Condition of Chickens

A hen laying well is a good eater. Her intestines are, therefore, fuller and more distended, and require more room than when she is not laying. When laying, the ovary and oviduct are of greater size and require more room. To provide this extra room the distance from the rear end of the keel to the pelvic bones increases with a consequent increase in size of the abdomen. A spread of three or more fingers in the smaller breeds, and four or more fingers in the larger breeds, indicates that the hen is in laying condition.

Portable Barnyard Stand for Lantern

Found Very Useful as It Can Be Set Where Needed.

On farms not equipped with electric light the use of a lantern is a necessity. In many cases the lantern is hung on a nail driven into the wall or a near-by post, but this is not handy because the lantern is not always in a convenient location. A portable lantern stand of the kind shown in the drawing has been found very useful, as it can be set just where the light is needed. It consists of a 5-foot length of 1-inch pipe, a piece of ¼-inch iron rod and a discarded harrow disk. The pipe is securely fastened to the disk by means

Portable Lantern Stand Proves of Considerable Convenience on the Farm.

of two nuts as indicated in the detail. The iron rod is bent, as shown, to form an eye at the top for holding the lantern, a wire hook being slipped through the eye for this purpose, and the ends of the rod are then pushed into the open end of the pipe. The whole outfit is light in weight and can be carried around easily.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

Don't Force Pullets to Lay Eggs During Winter

Now that the pullets are housed and laying it behooves us to consider what we are going to expect of them. Usually we know what kind of breeding is behind these pullets and whether they can normally be expected to lay 160 eggs apiece or 180 or 200. During the next year many persons will get 20 eggs less than the birds are bred to lay and some will get or try to get 20 eggs more. The supplying of protein in correct proportions is a stumbling block to many. Experience shows that 10 per cent meat (20 per cent of the mash) is necessary and any more is detrimental. If milk is fed, cut down on the meat. Bloody eggs from pullets are usually a sign of forcing which will result in high mortality. Late hatched pullets may have to be forced in order to get a winter production, but they are injured for future years and for breeding both by late development and by forcing. The moral is hatch early.—O. C. Krum, Poultry Extension Specialist, Colorado Agricultural College.

Sweet Clover Should Be Turned Under This Fall

Sweet clover, in a field that is to be used for corn next year, should be turned under this fall. This will give the green plants time to start decaying and become incorporated in the soil. If not turned under until spring, there will be so much material that there will be a layer of it between the plowed soil and the subsoil interfering with the passage of moisture and plant food. This condition would be particularly unfavorable if the season should be dry. To facilitate turning it under, attach a No. 9 wire to the beam of each plow letting it extend back into the furrow 4 or 5 feet behind the plow. This method is very effective in getting all the growth under the ground.

FARM FACTS

Humus in the soil is always worth more than it costs.

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Everyone knows that pure bred animals pay; why not pure bred seeds?

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Begin while eggs are high in price to find an individual market for your products.

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The most important thing about farming is the people on the farm and their problems.

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After crops are gathered is a good time to help save farm woman power by providing better home conveniences.

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As winter feeding becomes necessary, keep production records, and feed each cow in proportion to her size and the milk and butterfat produced.

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Start culling out the boarder cows. Set a standard of production not below 200 pounds of fat per year and cull out every cow that does not meet this standard.

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The results of the experiments at the various state experiment stations and by the Department of Agriculture have reduced chicken raising to a science, and you will find that practically all of your individual problems have been solved by the various authorities.

A Fat Man's Chance

By J. R. McCARTHY

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RUFUS BURTON, he of the glaring red hair and the incredibly optimistic disposition, was not a man to be discouraged by trifles. Where a modern Cassius, with his lean and hungry look, would have shot up the boss and then gone home and pickled his meager lungs in gas, Rufus Burton merely leaned back in his overburdened chair and let his waistband roll with laughter. He sat upon life complacently, and squashed the troubles out of it, as a fat man should.

Yet today the impossible had happened. Rufus Burton's huge girth did not roll. His mighty "Ho—ho!" did not rock the office walls. The fact is, Burton—the whole three hundred pounds of him—was glum.

For Burton had conceived a great idea, and the chief had pooh-pooh'd.

So Rufus sat sagging in his chair, glum as last week's cream-puff.

But not for nothing did the bowl of his pipe grow hot, and his round eyes watch the maneuvers of a spider on the ceiling. Burton's round brain was working in his round head. He was evolving a scheme. It might not work; it might work; it must work.

"If it takes ten years," he told the spider. "I'm going to put that idea through that dumb-bell Green's head."

The fat man was like that. His loyalty to Green was second only to his loyalty to the firm of which Green was chief. It would never have entered his head to take his pet idea to some other advertising agency. The Green company was his company—and his company and his idea must somehow be got together.

The spider on the ceiling had completed her web and retired into obscurity. Her trap was set. Presently a fly— Oho! Burton's sagging cheeks stiffened. He even smiled.

Timothy Green, the chief, passed his desk a few minutes later. "Well, Rufus, have you forgotten that fool scheme of yours and got back to honest work?"

But the fat man was his old self again. He grinned. "I haven't forgotten the scheme, but I've got back to work. I'm after some one to write the Ladies' specialty copy, since Miss Simpson is to get married. What do you think of Miss Dorothy Hall, who writes the style column in the News?"

Now, Burton happened to know very well what Green thought of the good-looking Dorothy Hall. This, in fact, was why he asked. Green thought of her very much as Burton himself thought of her, which was pretty complimentary thinking, to say the least.

"Can we afford her?" Green asked.

"That's the only question, of course. But she can produce the stuff. Guess we'd better arrange to afford her."

"All right," said the chief, with enthusiasm. "Go get her."

Thus it was that Miss Dorothy Hall was installed where Rufus Burton could admire her, and where Green, when he was lucky, could have a word with her. Miss Dorothy entered into her new work with a keenness which surprised even Burton, who had admired her brains (from a safe distance) ever since she had returned from college and entered the employ of the News two years before.

She was quick as lightning to understand the idea, and soundly efficient in its execution. No wonder, then, that when Burton told her of his great idea—which was to triple an important branch of the business.

But he was constrained to warn her. "Don't say a word about this idea to Mr. Green, Miss Dorothy. He can't see it with a telescope, and the mere mention of it throws him into a rage."

"Why, that is absurd! Here you propose to secure for his company a practical monopoly on a big branch of the advertising business, new to this city, and he can't see it! This idea of booklets which will entertain the children, coupled with advertising to mothers of children's goods is a really big thing. It'll take the department stores by storm. You can sign them up easily. And I can write the copy. Mr. Green really must be made to see it!"

"No," said Burton emphatically. "Better not say a word to him about it. It makes him mad."

Three weeks later Rufus Burton returned, fatter and funnier than ever, from his vacation. When he went to the office, Miss Dorothy was not at her desk. But presently the door to Green's office opened, and the young lady in question came out. She was dressed for the street.

"Oh, Miss Dorothy, I'm glad to see you again," said the round man.

The young lady smiled and held out her hand. "Mrs. Green," she corrected him, archly.

Burton watched her disappear through the outer door. He was still standing, open-mouthed, when Green appeared and stepped up to him jauntily.

"Congratulations!" mumbled the fat man, meekly.

"Thank you! And say, Burton, I've decided to try out that idea of yours. I—I—er—Mrs. Green thinks it's great."

Two minutes later Rufus Burton, alone, leaned back dangerously in his overburdened chair. His jolly bulk rolled with the laughter of an incurable optimist.

A new spider was on the ceiling. "Nobody loves a fat man," Burton told the new spider, "but—it takes a lot more than one thin man to beat him!"

Your Auto License Has Expired

All licenses issued before October 14, '24, are now worthless and a new license, expiring October 14, 1925, is now required for each and every motor vehicle. This notice applies to you and it will save you half on your license if bought at once.

City Licenses Increase One-Half January 1, 1925

Buy your motor license before the first of the year and save 50 per cent. The city license plates are white with red figures. It is a violation of the law to run any car without this new license plate.

MRS. MAEME S. PITMAN
City Clerk.

Here's a Store With the Real Holiday Spirit

As Christmas draws near and every man's thoughts turn to some present for "HER"—She in turn is wondering what to give "HIM." Our store offers many suggestions for gift giving that will help solve your Christmas buying.

For Mother, Daughter Sister, "HER"

Hose,
Shoes,
Gloves
Handkerchiefs,
House Slippers,
Hand Bags

For the Kiddies

Dolls, Toys
Handkerchiefs
House Slippers
Red Top Boots
Clothing

For Father, Son, Brother, "HIM"

Caps,
Mufflers,
Shoes
Socks,
Ties,
Gloves

PINNELL STORE CO.

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"The Most of the Best for the Least"

BANQUET AT THE CAPE TO JUDGE J. A. SNIDER

Leading attorneys of Southeast Missouri at a banquet Tuesday night at the Hotel Idan-Ha paid tribute to the 13 years of service of Judge John A. Snider in Common Pleas Court here, welcomed the judge-elect, Oscar A. Knehans, and heard discussions of some of the problems facing the legal profession today. Practically efery county in the district was represented at the gathering of 52 attorneys.

Lauding him as an impartial and just judge, the attorneys unanimously adopted a resolution expressing the appreciation of the bar "to the courteous, patient, and impartial service" of Judge Snider.

The first part of the evening's program was given over to a discussion of some of the legal problems of the day and to recent attacks which have been made on the courts.

Circuit Judge Frank Kelly, a guest at the dinner, in a speech on "Crime, Its Prevalence and Cause" declared that "we are not governed by intelligence and intellect, but 90 per cent of our actions are due to emotions'.

Emotions of love and hate, he declared, are responsible for the greater part of the crime of the world, and in an explanation, declared that of all the crims committed by normal persons, most of them could be traced to one of these two outstanding emotions.

Judge Kelly pointed out in the discussion, which involved the psychology of crime, that an individual many times acts contrary to what he wants to do, and afterwards can give no explanation. Even courts and juries are governed sometimes by their emotions, he explained.

"I have been a liberal believer in the parole law, as you all know," the circuit judge declared, in taking up the part that juvenile offenders play in crime. "But, my views have been considerably modified. I believe that the law must carry some fear. We've got to learn to fear man-made laws, but the greatest responsibility is for us to make the children love and revere the law of the land".

Judge Kelly declared that there must be either religious training in the public schools of the nation or a similar training somewhere "for the children no longer get it in the home. We must have a deeper respect and reverence for the law, for the rights of other people and for ourselves".

Referring to the Leopold-Loeb case in Chicago, the judge pointed out that those youths had the training that a modern world could give, with the exception of a spiritual training.

"Observance of the law to me is like observance of the laws of the Kingdom of God", he declared. "The duty of the lawyers of today is to impress it firmly on the minds of the people".

Albert Spradling, Cape Girardeau attorney, traced the attack which was made by the independent party against the Supreme Court. He quoted from different prominent men of the nation, on both sides of the question as to whether Congress should be made supreme over the Court.

He pointed out with a few well chosen examples how foolish and dangerous would supremacy of Conpress become if such a practice was adopted. He declared that if such a measure was adopted, it would violate the constitution of the United States and "it would not take us long to lapse into a condition of chaos".

Charles Liles of Dexter injected into the meeting considerable humor in a talk describing his recent visit to the annual meeting of the American Bar Association at Philadelphia, to which he went as a delegate from the State Association.

Liles claimed the distinction of being the only Missourian who made a speech at the national convention, and he referred to the records of the proceedings, which show that when a motion to adjourn was made, "Liles from Missouri" promptly seconded it. His address was replete with humor, and gave interesting and amusing sidelights of the trip to Philadelphia and the stay there.

Harry E. Alexander, referee in bankruptcy in Cape Girardeau, gave a short explanation of the workings of the Federal bankruptcy law, and declared that although there had been a number of such cases, there had been little fraud developed.

Harry Blanton of Sikeston pointed out the needs of local and state bar associations, especially for the control of members in the conduct of their profession.

A history of the Cape Girardeau Common Pleas Court, the only one in Missouri presided over by a special judge, written by R. B. Oliver, was read by B. C. Hardesty.

Rush H. Limbaugh, Cape Girardeau attorney, pointed out the "characteristic of the bench", which he enumerated as "industry, initiative, fairness, and humanity. He offered the resolution expressing appreciation of the work of Judge Snider.

Oscar A. Knehans, judge-elect of the Common Pleas rourt, introduced Judge Snider, giving a few amusing occurrences in his court, and referring to him not only "as a successful lawyer, but a successful farmer and banker".

Replying, Judge Snider declared that if he had been successful in the conduct of the court the greater part of the credit belonged to the members of the Southeast Missouri bar.

"It has been my pleasure to serve you the best I could," he declared. "I want to say, too, that the future of this court is assured. It must, and will, continue to grow and become a greater court. I believe that the business of the court will increase as much in the future as it has in the past. You have, in my opinion, a man who becomes my successor, who will in every way far exceed my record'".

Among the attorneys present were: George Munger, Gene Munger, J. W. Farris, A. T. Welborn, Clarence A. Powell, of Bloomfield; Clark Russell, James Boone, J. C. McDowell, O. W. Joslyn, George Kirk, George Cain, J. M. Haw, of Charleston; Everett Reeves, Caruthersville; Harry Blanton, M. G. Gresham, Thos. B. Dudley, Ralph E. Bailey, Sikeston; Francis M. Walker and Charles Liles, Dexter; Sam M. Phillips, J. C. Henson, Jno. F. Woody, of Poplar Bluff; C. M. Hicks and Joe Milligan, St. Louis; Judge John A. Snider, E. A. Mason, David B. Hays, Frank Hines, T. D. Hines, of Jackson; R. H. Whitelaw, Judge Frank Kelly, B. C. Hardesty, Rush H. Limbaugh, W. L. Proffer, B. Hugh Smith, Frank Lowry, Kenrick Burrough, R. S. Rutledge, R. B. Oliver, II., Allen L. Oliver, O. A. Knehans, H. E. Alexander, A. M. Spradling, Horace Siberell, J. A. Barks, Giboney Houck, Orren Wilson, dward L. Drumm, Cape Girardeau; P. B. Hood, Perryville.—Cape Missourian.

Vernon Skillman spent the week-end in St. Louis.

Mrs. Josephine Veith spent the week-end in Diehlstadt with homefolks.

DOGHILL PARAGRAPHS

Yam Simes, the popular clam digger and painter, varnished himself into one coroner of Mrs. Atlas Peck's parlor floor while decorating there this week.

The merchants of Tickville report a very nice Christmas business. The men folks have done most of the buying and the wives of many of our citizens will receive handsome and useful presents, such as clothes wringers, wash boilers and laundry soap.

Miss Rosy Moseley will be the soloist at the Ladies' Aid meeting in the Dog Hill church on Saturday afternoon. The manager of the Glue Works has been requested not to blow the factory whistle during the song.

Having recently had the not unexpected good fortune to tow three autos from a mudhole near his home, Poke Eazley will retire from active business for the winter. Poke is also quite well-to-do in his wife's name—she having two steady boarders.

The Wild Onion School teacher gave a lecture at the schoolhouse on Friday evening. His subject, "How Perfume Is Made", was well received until Luke Mathewsla fell asleep and scorched his overshoes on the stove.

The Calf Ribs Widow has broken her engagement to Sid Hocks on account of his great dislike for Cross Word Puzzles. Sid is all upset about it and yesterday at the store he asked for a quart of sandpaper and one spool of white molasses.

Cricket Hicks is working on a new kind of music. He hollers into an empty cistern and then into one half-ful of water. Cricket is thinking of going on the stage if he can make arrangements for the cisterns.

Luke Mathewsla while getting a bite to eat yesterday afternoon, accidentally shut his whiskers in the cupboard door. With rare presence of mind he finished his lunch and two hours later was released by his wife when she returned from a meeting of the Hearsay Club.

The Assistant Coroner has purchased a partly-educated parrot which can say "Go to", "What the" and "I'll be", but the bird always stops in the middle of a sentence. Tobe Mosely says polly ought to be sent to a finishing school.

Five or six of our citizens assisted a stranger in putting up the one-man top on his auto just before the shower last Thursday.

The mail carrier was so wrapped up with quilts and clothes to keep warm when he arrived today that everybody at the postoffice thought it was the week's washing.

The proprietor of the Tickville Hotel never did have any love for his competitors and today he was seen looking through his eyebrows at the man who runs the Palace Wagon Yard.

The Calf Ribs widow had an artificial rose yesterday and not knowing what elese to do with it, she pinned it on Raz Balrow, and he is now walking right careful to keep from jarring it.

Miss Flutie Belcher was heard today buying a cheap necktie for a friend she didn't care anything about and it is expected Yam Sims will come out all smiles Christmas morning wearing it.

Fletcher Henstep says a disappointment is a blank space between what you expected to do and what you really did do.

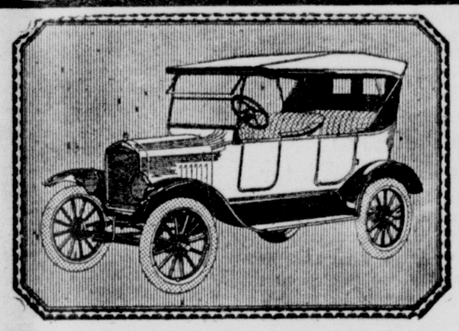
Ellick Helwanger says sometimes this appears to be a cold world, as he stood around Tickville Saturday afternoon and nobody paid him attention except to honk at him to get out of the way.

Columbus Allsop's wife wanted to find him today to chop some stovewood and alarmed the whole neighborhood as far away as the postoffice trying to locate him without success, and fully made up her mind he was up to some devilment when all the time he was sitting on the sunny side of the hen house eating hickory nuts.

Somebody called Sile Kildew a fool to his face last Tuesday, and Sile said he was glad to hear it, as he had often wondered if he was.

CHRISTMAS CLEAN-UP SALE

TOMORROW AFTERNOON
Promptly at
3:30 o'clock



Friday, Dec. 19th
in Front of
OUR STORE

We Will Give Away Absolutely Free This Ford Car

This is our Big Christmas Treat to you. We are playing Santa Claus tomorrow, Friday, December 19. Be there with your tickets. Some one is going to drive off in the new Ford Touring Car. While here don't fail to take advantage of the

CHRISTMAS CLEAN-UP SALE

This Sale is proving to be the best friend of the economical Christmas shopper. It comes right at a time when you will want to make your Christmas purchases. You will find plenty of Gift Suggestions here—and at unheard-of before-Christmas prices.

Here Are Some Prices That No Christmas Shopper Can Beat:

Heavy brown bluchers soft or hard cap $2.29

50 pairs high grade tan and brown calf bluchers and bals, $10 value 3.85

Men's Oxfords, 1 lot black and brown, val. $5 to $7.50 3.85

Men's genuine Goodyear welt, tan army shoes new stock 3.95

One lot of Men's Dress Sox, per pair 08c

Ladies' oxfords and straps in kid, calf and suede values $6 to $8.50 ..... 3.85

Patent one-strap low heel slipper 2.49

Ladies' felt house slippers in well asst. colors and contrasts 89

Best grade Bleached Muslin, per yard 16c

Fancy Comfort Cretones, per yard 10c

Ladies' Dresses, values to $9.95 for $4.45

Ladies', Misses' and Children's Coats good val. 4.95

Some of these are all wool, very good qualities and a few have fur trimming.

Ladies' ribbed fleeced unions long sleeves ankle length 1.19

Ladies' heavy outing gowns regular $1.50 value 95c

Ladies' New Fall Hats values $4.95 to $10 ..... 3.45

1 lot of Hats some real nifty styles, going at 98c

Men's heavy ribbed union suits, $1.50 values 1.19

Men's heavy fleeced and heavy ribbed shirts and drawers, $1 values 79c

1 lot of heavy Flannelette Shirts, in blue, grey and khaki, $1.00 values 79c

Extra heavy lot Sweaters $5.00 values 1.19

1 lot of Boys' Sweaters values to $1.50, now 95c

Single gray blankets with pretty stripe border 98c

Plaid Blankets, 64x80 weighs 3 pounds $3.39

Standard 32 inch Gingham 15c

Standard Outing in lights and darks 15c

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PROTESTS BAN ON MISSOURI POULTRY

Jefferson City, Mo., December 12. —A protest against the order of the New York board of health in declaring an embargo on poultry shipments to New York City from six states including Missouri, was sent to the New York board late this afternoon by Jewell Mayes, secretary of the State Board of Agriculutre.

"On behalf of he Missouri State Board of Agriculture", the telegram read, "permit me as Secretary to file this protest against embargoing Missouri live poultry. Please reply giving your reasons why, also stating names of scientific authorities deciding there is pestilential disease in poultry shipments from Missouri. Also name of disease and its effect. Conditions in Missouri do not seem to warrant your embargo. What is your judgment as to whether this is temporary or permanent?"

A telegram declaring that the embargo placed by the New York Board of Health against live poultry shipments from eight states, including Missouri, was ordered because poultry received fom these states was suffering from a disease resembling "European chicken plague", was received this afternoon by the state board of agriculture from Health Commissioner Frank J. Monoghan of New York City. Monoghan stated the length of time the embargo would be in effect was indefinite.

His telegram follows:

"We regret exceedingly that it has been necessary for New York City to place an embargo against chickens from certain states. The chief veterinarian of this department, in conjunction with the rsearch laboratory of this department finds that a large percentage of the chickens entering New York, coming from the states that the embargo is placed against, were suffering from a disease resembing he European chicken plague and so far as we are able to prove scientifically this is believed to be the European chicken plague. The length of the time of the embargo is indefinite".

Baptist Church

9:30—Sunday School.

11:00—Morning worship. Sermon by the pastor.

6:30—The B. Y. P. U. Meets for Bible Study.

7:30—Evening worship. Song service led by the choir. Sermon by the pastor. Let us go to the House of the Lord for worship and instruction and toning up of our spiritual nature.

S. P. BRITE, Pastor.

Mrs. Mae Cresap and son Joe and Joseph Guy Lescher of St. Louis, arrived her Friday on account of the serious illness of their father, Judge J. C. Lescher, who passed away at 6:20 Monday morning.

ESCAPED CONVICT CAPTURED MONDAY

Bloomfield, Dec. 16.—W. C. Sykes, alias Poley Rickman, captured by a sheriffs posse near here Monday after a gun battle in which he was wounded three times, escaped from the Oklahoma state pneitentiary at McAllister, Okla., where he was serving a life sentence for murder, officers here were notified today. He escaped from the prison May 13.

The fugitive, in addition, is a deserter from the United States army, according to officers.

Sheriff Roscoe Walker, who led the posse in the search for the bandit, who Sunday night held up three men at a water tank near Zeta, robbing them of $67 in cash, recognized the bandit when he was captured, as a private in Company M, 140th Infantry, during the war, a company in which the sheriff was a sergeant. The officer said that Sykes deserted the army at Fort Sill, Okla., in 1917, a short time before the regiment was to be sent overseas.

Sykes is a native of Poplar Bluff and was taken into the army at that place in 1917, authorities were told. After deserting he is believed to have led a criminal life in Oklahoma, from which state he was sentenced to life imprisonment for murder. He was received at the prison August 31, 1923, and escaped in May, making his way back to this state in the summer.

The bandit was sentenced to prison under the name of Sykes, with an alias of Rickman, and it was the latter name that he was using in this county officers say. It was not divulged until today that he was wanted in Oklahoma on the murder charge.

Oklahoma prison authorities told officers here that Sykes was known as a "bad" man.

The charge of robbery against Sykes is not to be pressed in this county and Sheriff Walker left today for thep rison with the man.

Sykes was identified as the robber who held up Densey King, Oscar Henry and Young Cox near the water tank at Zeta and robbed them.

Mrs. Ruskin McCoy received a telegram Monday morning, stating the serious illness of her father in Clayton, Mo.

A fleet of five big auto trucks has been sent by the State Highway Commission into the counties of this part of the state to gravel some of the bad places in the state highway on roads not yet hard surfaced. Last week the trucks were working on highway 16 which parallels the Current River railroad. The plan of sending trucks into the various counties is a good one, as a great deal of work can be done with them, for the crews handling the trucks are organized and their foreman knows how to get the greatest amount of work done with the trucks.—West Plains Gazette.

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Potatoes, per peck	20c	Coffee, Maxwell House, 3-lb. can	$1.48
Navy Beans, choice, lb.	7c	Coffee, Maxwell House, 1-lb. can	52c
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Rice, Fancy Head, lb.	7c	Coffee, Evans' Anchor brand, can	50c
Oats, large package	19c	Coffee, Fancy Rio, can	30c
Oats, small pkg.	10c	Milk, Pet, large can	10c
Shredded Wheat, pkg.	12½c	Milk, Pet, small can	5c
Post Toasties, small size	10c	Pure Country Sorghum, gal.	$1.00
Post Toasties, large size	15c	Milk, Eagle Brand, can	19c
Kelloggs Bran, pkg.	10c	New South Sorghum, gal.	85c
Swansdown Cake Flour, large size	29c	New South Sorghum, ½ gal.	44c
Grape Nuts, pkg.	16c	Jelly Rex, 5-lb. bucket,	43c
Cream of Wheat, pkg.	21c	Syrup, White House, gal.	66c
Raisins, Sun Maid, 16 oz.	13c	Syrup, Domino, 2-lb. can	17c
Raisins, Sun Maid, bulk, lb.	10c	Soap, Laundry, all kinds, per bar	4c
Calumet Baking Powder, 1-lb. can	28c	Matches, Parlor, per box	4c
K. C. Baking Powder, 25-oz. can	21c	Evaporated Peaches, fancy, lb.	14c
Lipton's Tea, ½-lb. can	44c	Evaporated Apricots, Fancy, lb.	24c
Lipton's Tea, ¼-lb. can	24c	Evaporated Apples, Fancy, lb.	16c
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MISSOURI BUYS LAND FOR BIG STATE PARK

Jefferson City, Dec. 15.—Missouri bought its first large state park today, it was announced at the State Game and Fish Department. It is a 12,000-acre tract known as the Lenox Ranch, located in the Ozark Mountains, in Dent County, near Salem, The price was $50,593.

An additional 2000 acres adjoining is to be purchased scon it was said. This will make the park, which is to be a game and fish preserve, 14,000 acres in extent., the total cost of which will be approximately $58,000.

The big ranch cost an average of $4.50 an acre, according to officials in the department. It has numerous springs upon it, two streams, one known as Crooked Creek, and the other as Fish Water, and is a hilly, natural woodland tract, particularly adapted for wild life, Commissioner Wielandy said.

The two streams are clear water, spring fed, and will make excellent bass and game fish streams when stocked, he added. All varieties and species of wild animals and birds that can be propagated will be placed in the reserve, he also stated.

"We are hopeful that this is only the beginning wedge in the program to acquire a system of state parks", Commissioner Wielandy declared. He added that plans for the purchase of other tracts were being made and said that the tentative system of state parks will include tracts in eight or nine different sections in every part of Missouri.

The Lenox tract is only one-fourth of a mile from the Frisco Railroad and state highway No. 10 runs right past it, it was said. It has 36 miles of fencing and several small houses already upon it. It was bought from D. T. Lenox and his three sons, I.L., K. M. and H. W. Lenox, of Rolla. It has been used for cattle raising. Commissioner Wielandy said that it was the choice part of a 100,0000-acre tract.

Streets Decorated

Cape Girardeau, Dec. 16.—Competition among merchants of three business sections of Cape Girardeau has resulted this season in producing the most elaborate decorative scheme for the streets ever devised here. Main street merchants have erected an attractive row of small cedar trees, lighted at night, along the entire length of the thoroughfare. Broadway merchants combined to string a dazzling array of colored electric light streamers for a distance of seven blocks, while Good Hope Street stores centered on a gigantic Christmas tree, erected at a central location, and upon which will be hung presents for all the children of the district on the night before Christmas.

Merchants today report their Saturday business exceeded that of any corresponding day.

GERMAN WAR POWER GROWING SECRETLY

Paris, Dec. 12.—The report of the Interallied Control Commission in Germany is ready for submission. It will declare the Reich has made it impossible to hand control of its armament over to the League of Nations. The report will be made to the Council of Ambassadors next week.

The commission's investigation was to be final, so that control could be turned over to the league, which both the English and the French wished. The commission under this plan would have been abolished, but its report will be a surprise. The report will doubtless be seized upon by conservatives in France to oppose reduction of armaments here. Some of the points made in the report have been given to the correspondent.

The commission reports Germany has not fulfilled a single item of the disarmament obligations under the treaty. The Reichswehr has maintained a headquarters organization, has developed a new offensive strategy and has increased the Reichswehr forces surreptitiously to 200,000 men. The treaty limit is 100,000. The army as it stands is a powerful offensive weapon, with all manner of equipment including vast reserves of poison gas the report says.

The report declares artillery was found hidden at Kustrin and Koenigsberg. Munition factories have been working for the last two years and material ordered destroyed has only been hidden. These munitions have been sent to secret depots of which the commission discovered 139, obviously only a small proportion of those existing.

The Krupp works have begun to make war materials again, the report declares. Thirty thousand guns, quantities of gas, 8000 motors, 281 airplanes and spare parts were discovered. Chemical works with 100,000 workers produced 140,000,000 tons of chemicals of which, the report declares, a large amount is easily changeable into new and deadlier gases.

In short, the report will show allied control has failed. The question is whether the Council of Ambassadors can turn over control to the league. The alternative of exacting from Germany permission to let allied officers set up a new and more thorough system of control is considered politically impossible.

Of the many pretty homes that have been built in Sikeston during the year there are none prettier than that of Harry Martin on South Prairie. Drive by and see it and you will want one just like it.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. McCutchen have returned from St. Louis where they have been to book some special features among them being "North of 36", which is the equal or better than the "Covered Wagon." This picture is booked for Monday and Tuesday, December 22 and 23.

The burning subject of the day is Coal—can I get the kind I want, the grade that burns best in my stoves and get it when I need it? Our answer is—Yes, if you order from us.

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Miss Mary Elizabeth Marshall, who is attending the Monticello Seminary at Godfry, Ill., will arrive home Friday to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. B. F. Marshall.

Misses Helen Kready annd Annette Smith will arrive Friday to spend the Christmas holidays with homefolks. Miss Helen has been elected Vice-President of the Honorary Sorority Altha Sigma Tan of Lindenwood.

When times are tight or when adversity overtakes, there are only a few who will fight fair. We are thinking now of the difficult times of the past few years when homes and fortunes have been swept away, and in trying to salvage something out of the wreckage, a good many men have stooped to things that they would usualy not begin to do. We know of men who were fine fellows whtn the going was good that turned to be just the opposite. We know of men who accepted good sums for breeding stock, and were mighty careless in making out pedigrees for them, and some of the pedigrees are not yet made out. We know others who borrowed from banks in good faith and when the venture turned out badly, refused to pay the banks. These have been times to unbalance one,—no doubt about that for we have all experienced much, but the one thing that we should prize above all else is our own reputations for fairness and honesty, and sometimes we have held these all too cheap. They are the only really worth while things upon which there is no price, but they should be valued.—J. C. Price.

W. L. Gordon and family of Cape Girardeau spent Sunday in Sikeston with relatives.

Mrs. Jesse Kimes was called to Hayti Monday on account of serious illness of her father.

Hodge Decker and Taly Sams drove to Paducah, Ky., Sunday morning to visit G. E. Decker, brother of Hodge, who had three fingers torn from his hand in an accident. They returned to Sikeston Monday afternoon.

There will be a beautiful Christmas service at the Baptist Church called "The Nativily" on December 24 at 7:30 p. m. It will be given for the most part in the language of Scripture interspersed with beautiful song and symbolic customes. It is free to all who care to see and enjoy it.

Sunday morning at the Methodist Church there will be special Christmas music. The choir will be reinforced by several Christian College girls and will render these two beautiful numbers: "The First Christmas Morn",, "There Were Shepherds". The organ numbers will be: "The Voice of the Chimes", "Chorus of Angels' and "March of the Wise Men."

Gus Woods' Social Parlors in Sunset Addition has again been the scene of some high rolling. The officers arrived on the scene Tuesday night in time to catch thirteen of the colored gamesters and landed them in the city jail. They plead guilty and Mayor Felker assessed a fine to each, but rolling bones gather no money, so most of them will work their fines out on the streets.

Mr. and Mrs. Emory Matthews and Mrs. A. J. Matthews left Saturday morning for a few days visit in St. Louis.

The trial of Roscoe Richardson for transporting liquor was tried in the Circuit Court at Benton Monday and resulted in a hung jury. His brother, Will, plead guilty and was given two years in the penitentiary. These two negroes were the pair caught in the alley back of the Albritton place recently with two suit cases full of bottled mule. Roscoe Richardson said he owned the car that brought the whiskey from Illinois, but didn't know what was in the suit cases and the jury believed him.

O. W. Bennett, an Oregon county farmer, was arrested last week by the deputy United States marshal and taken to Springfield to answer to a charge of embezzling a wagon belonging to the government. He was bound over to the April term of Federal court at Springfield. The charge was made against Bennett by J. F. Botts, who has charge of the veterans bureau at Springfield. It is alleged that in the allotment of farming implements by the department to Charles Bennett, a former service man and brother of O. W. Bennett, the wagon in question was in excess of what should have been allotted to the veteran. The government officers made a demand that the wagon be returned, but instead of complying with this request Bennett turned the wagon over to his brother, it is claimed. This is the first case of this kind to come up before the Federal court at Springfield.—West Plains Gazette.

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C. L. BLANTON, EDITOR

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A good Christmas Gift for 1925 would be the Twice-a-Week Standard for 75 cents. This is good in every direction from Sikeston for 125 miles.

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The coming season will find the greatest number of crops grown on the farms of Southeast Missouri that has ever been, or we'll miss our guess. Patches of cotton, meadows of hay, fields of corn and sunflowers, peas for the seed and peas for the hay. Already the acreage of wheat is greater than last fall and to sow clover in the wheat in the early spring will give a paying crop of both wheat and hay. If every farm would put in some of the above, or all of them, keep a cow or two, a sow or two, some poultry and raise their own vegetables, there would be a different story to tell this time next year.

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Some three months ago the City Council condemned the cess pool at the laundry and to offset he seepage from this cess pool ordered chloride used to kill these germs. The cess pool has not been filled up and we are still taking into our stomach drainage water from the same wells. No wonder so many of our people have had nausea and sick stomach with severe vomiting. The thoughts of drinking such stuff is enough to disgust the stomach of an iron man. The Mayor said Chief of Police Kendall has orders to put a stop to hte laundry cess pool and the Police Chief says he is waiting for City Attornel Bailey to get out some sort of papers to serve —on the cess pool, we suppose. In the meantime we hope your stomach will enjoy the cess pool-chloride water until something is done to give us pure water.

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Many of our land owners have learned a lesson in the cotton game that will last them a life time. Up comes from the South, a few fellows short on money and long on nerve, and rent hundreds of acres of land with the understanding that they had sufficient financial backing to make and gather the crops. The papers were duly signed, negroes came and everything looked lovely to the land owner. When it was too late to seek other renters, the Southern planter informed Mr. Land Owner that his financial backers down home had laid down on him and it would be necessary for the land owner to cancel the lease or put up the money to make the crop. In some instances the lease was modified that the land owner held the bag from start to finish and got nothing for his part. In two instances the big cotton raiser jumped the community leaving bills behind and the bolls for the land owner to gather.

Our friend from a neighboring city who was offering encouragement to our football team in St. Louis, is forgiven by every Sikeston player and rooter, for they know the big hearted man would do his best for them in any way. The matter of a 15-yard penalty for his encouraging words on the field, mean nothing between friends.

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There is quite a bit of sport in running a newspaper, of course, but it takes money to buy paper, pay postage and the employes. This being the case, the management would like very much to have all subscribers who are in arrears, call at once, pay up to January 1, 1925, then set their paper ahead for one year for 75 cents. Unless this is done, there will be a number dropped from the rolls January 1, as we do not propose to be further imposed on.

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They had been planning to buy a radio set when the new baby arrived. When Johnny came home from school the nurse said she had something to show him. He thought of the expected radio set. Shown into the room he looked long and earnestly at the new baby brother, but without comment. Next day at school his teacher asked about the new baby. "Well, I expected a radio set, but still this baby acts something like one", replied Johnny. "When he isn't receiving he is broadcasting".—New London Record.

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It is quite probable that the next session of the Missouri state legislature will take some action towards prohibiting the use of pump guns and automatic rifles for hunting purposes in this state. It has been many years since the plea against the firearms was first instituted. In recent years many states have passed various lauditory laws for the protection of our game from unnecessary slaughter and public opinion has slowly come around to the point of view which will make such legislation regarding the pump and automatic guns possible. The law prohibiting the use of these kinds of firearms at the present has been adopted, as far as can be learned, in only two states, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. It is confidently believed, however, that the next session of the Missouri legislature will take action against the pump guns.—West Plains Gazette.

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The War Department urges all veterans who intend to apply for the adjusted compensation to do so now, or if they do not intend to apply, to notify the department to that effect at once. Delay increases the cost to the taxpayer of handling the adjusted compensation and delay in applying may place the veteran in another insurance year and thus decrease the benefit that he should receive. Should he die without applying, his beneficiaries receive at he time of his death but one-third of the total amount due that they would have received had he filed his application. A large number of applications have been returned for correction nad but few of these have ben received back at the department. All army posts and army and navy recruiting stations are ready to serve the veterans by assisting them in making out their applications, making corrections, taking finger prints and helping them in every possible way.

Just A Minute In Washington

Washington, Dec. 10.—Washington suggests nothing so much just now as the graveyards of our late national ideals. It is as still as graveyards habitually are, a stately and beautiful burying ground of which no fine thing that has perished need be ashamed. On Wednesday, when I reached the city, there was not a single news story under a Washington date line upon the front page of the New York morning papers. There is no news in Washingon. There has not been any since the election, nor does anyone know when there will be some. All is funeral, quiet, the world forgetting, by the world forgot. The great architectural piles stand about in the stiff and sepulchral fashion of mausoleums. Only the Washington monument, ever holding its slender, needle-like plinth straight to the sky, as if pointing somehow the way out, seems triumphant over the desolate scene.

I had not been in Washington since last spring. Then the city was in a fever of excitement. The Republicans were going about like men about to be hanged, and the Democrats were jubilant in the confidence of soon coming into power. Today the Democrats go about as if they were stunned. Something hit them, something hard and heavy, like a ton of brick. You never see one of them smile. That joyous chatter in which they were all gleefully engaged last spring has been hushed, and when two of them meet the memory of it is too bitter for more than a cold nod

And the Republicans? Are they, whom we all joined together to save from the gallows; whose deliverance from impending doom has not been paralleled since the children of Israel saw the Red Sea close over Pharaoh and his terrible host; are they happy and laughing, and do they cheerily greet one another as if in the gladness of a common salvation? They do not. They, too, strangely enough, are sad and tho'tful. That onne-time delighted army of public office holders and politicians which rushed back into Washington at the coat-tails of Harding to deluge Washingon with its numbers and make the Capitol ring with its homecoming, lies quietly upon its arms not quite understanding why it did not get hell knocked out of it last month, and distrusting the ease with which it won. There was never a more sober-sided session of Congress than this one; a more unjoyous leadership or a thicker pervasion of the spirit of Ho-hum-and-what-next. One might suppose that this is because Congress is holding only a short session, is not yet organized under the new dispensation and is, therefore, only perfunctorily meeting. Granted, but that is not why Washington has such an archeological aspect and seldom gets on the front page.

The fact is that after so much excitement and such a complete upset of everybody's expectations, an upset in which old-fashioned beliefs such as that honesty is the best policy or that public office is a public trust, went for nothing, and an entirely unheard-of appraisal was made of political parties. Washington is resting and quietly adjusting herself to the new era. The Democrats realize that they must have some better reason for having a party than that everbody was not on one side in the Civil War, and the Republican insurgents are beginning to see that east is east and west is west only when corn and wheat are under a dollar. It is only the Republicans proper, after their surprising victory over the Democrats and the Republicans improper, who are in doubt. They don't know whether we meant to say that they can make off with whatever they like or would, after all, rather trust them to know when to stop than anyone else we have in mind. This is naturally a very grave dilemma, and right gravely do the Republicans face it. They have not that oracularism that once they had. The intellectual and star-reading Lodge is gone. Mr. Coolidge is delphic enough, but his delphism is of a kind that does not expresse itself in party leadership. There are inarticulate, if in so profound a quiet they could be called such, cries for Dawes. Either Dawes will become the party strategist or that distinction will fall to Senator Pepper. Like Mr. Coolidge, Senator Pepper never says damn. Dawes does. Whoever leads the Republicans into an understanding of what the late election really meant will have to say damn. That is, he will have to be worldly enough to kniw us all very well and be able to say whether we meant to give the Republicans carte blanche or meant only to give them another chance. Dawes is worldly, Mr. Coolidge meanwhile, especially since he went to a football game without his overcoat, is quietly pointing the way to a philosophy that may in time carry the party with it. It is the philosophy of doing without. Even granting that we did mean to tell the Republicans to go as far as they like, Mr. Coolidge interposes by his daily obstemiousness the pertinent objection that we need even less than we have. He that could wear four overcoats if he wanted them, or could engage in whatever vain show pleased him, wears no overcoat and makes no show at all. How could anybody take that which does not belong to him or belongs to us in the face of that quiet example? Maybe we did not rebuke the orgies and the luxuries, the lust for money, of the Harding regime; but Mr. Coolidge in his daily life, overcoatless and showless, counting as dross what once they thought in Washington was all, is rebuking it morning, noon and night.

So there is that influence working while the party waits.—McAdams in Post-Dispatch.

In the Philippines there is a grass, known as "cogon", which grows as high as a man's head and has roots so tough that no ordinary animals can drag a plow through it. It has been the ruin of thousands of farmers who by the use of fertilizers and other modern methods have tried to keep the same fields under cultivation for many years.

W. J. McCulley, an employee of the Truitt elevator, was killed last week while investigating the machinery of a gasoline engine at Swift. With his head thrust through the spokes of a large drive wheel, he accidentally touched the spring controlling the ignition trip. The motor back-fired, causing the wheel to revolve, frightfully crushing his forehead.—Portageville Missourian.

There are at least fifty camps of hunters in the Irish Wilderness country of Oregon county, and the camps extend into Shannon, Ripley and Carter counties, every man in each camp armed with a high powered gun and laying in wait for a deer. The state game laws permit killing of deer during the month of December only, and then only one buck to each hunter. A number of deputy state game wardens are in the wilderness to see that the hunters observe the laws. Last week when a hunter from Mansleld killed a deer, loaded the animal in his car and started for home, Deputy Game Warden John C. Freeland was on his trail. The warden drove to West Plains and wired the hunter that he was coming to Mansleld to see the hide of the deer. The warden wanted to know if it was a buck.—West Plains Gazette.

Christmas can be made much more pleasant by shopping deliberately than by postponing the buying of gifts until the last few days before Decemebr 25. Now the stocks are fresh and the assortments are large. But they will not remain that way long. Scores upon score of shoppers have profited by the mistakes of other years and are buying early this year. They realize the folly of waiting until the choicest gifts have been purchased by wise shoppers. If you have not prepared a gift list, don't put off doing it another day. Write down the names of those whom you expect to remember at Christmastime and jot down some suggestions. Then visit the stores who ask for your trade, where you will find a greater variety of gift things than is to be afforded the shoppers of trading centers much larger than this.

Rebuild An Ancient Road

Vladikavkaz, Caucasus, Dec. 13.—Soviet engineers have begun important reconstruction work on the great Georgian military highway which runs from Viadikavkaz to Tifis and connects Russia with the Caucasian states. Begun more than one hundred years ago by czarist engineers, the road, which runs 150 miles thru the step Caucasian Mountains, is now in a bad state of repair and will require millions of dollars for its reconstruction.

As an engineering achievement the highway probably exceeds any similar project in Europe. It took thirty years to build it and it cost 35 million dollars. It has figured conspicuously in all the wars in the last century. Throughout its entire course the traveler finds an unending panorama of superb mountain scenery, gorges, rivers, lakes, glaciers, ravines waterfalls ancient fortresses and castles.

There are several huge glacier fields close to the highway which from time to time cause dangerous landslides frequently resulting in the loss of life. Recently a prominent Russian engineer was caught in one of these avalanches and swept to death. His body was never recovered. Soviet contractors are now replacing many of the gigantic wooden, steel and concrete walls and barriers which protect the road from snow-slides but which have become rotted from years of use.

Electric eels found in the River Amazon are said to be capable of discharging a shock sufficient to stun a man.

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Choice, tender Spring Fowls that will make your Christmas Dinner a real success. Let us lay aside for you today the Fowl you prefer. We will deliver it whenever you specify. Be sure to tell us the weight you want, if you phone your order.

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UPTOWN AND FRISCO

ANDRES MEAT MARKETS

Notice to Taxpayers

Notice is hereby given that I will have C. L. Blanton, Jr., receive taxes at Sikeston from December 1st to December 31st. Office at City Hall, Sikeston, Missouri.

EMIL STECK

Collector Scott County, Missouri

He also has your delinquent taxes.

THREE BERTRAND BOYS JAILED FOR STEALING

Claron Mitchell and Clinton Mitchell, brothers, and Berman Burt, from near Bertrand, were arrested by Deputy Sheriff Burks and Chief of Police Kendall, Wdenesday evening, and placed in jail charged with grand larceny.

The electric lights went out for a short time and a negro man who was standing in the H. & S. Economy Store at the time, saw a young white man grab up some manicure sets and leave the store. The negro followed him and saw him place the articles in a car parked on Front Street, south of the Farmers Dry Goods store. He hurried to the H. & S. Store and told Mr. Hill of the occurrence. Mr. Hill went with the negro to the car and found the manicure sets as well as numerous other artirles piled in the car. Deputy Sheriff Burks and Chief Kendall were notified and took a stand nearby and it was but a short time until one of the youths came to the car and took something out of his overcoat and placed it in the car. The officers arrested him, took him to jail, when he told them of his companions and they were arrested by Officer Kendall and placed in jail.

On searching the car, there were found the manicure sets stolen from the H. & S., shirts taken from Lehman & Foster's, trousers from Citizens Store Co., shirts from Sikeston Mercantile Co., shirts and trousers from Buckner-Ragsdale Store Co., 2 boxes of perfume from White's Drug Store and two pair of trousers from I. Becker's.

The amount of good stolen will total more than $100 which will insure a penitentiary sentence for the guilty ones.

The merchants who lost the goods will give the negro man a suitable reward for his part in placing these boys behind the bars. These boys range in age from about 18 to 22 years.

Give a Gillete tire.—Farmers Supply Co.

A. F. Lindsay left Wednesday for a business trip to McKenzie, Tenn.

Miss Burnice Tanner and Arthur Barrett visited in Doniphan Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Hoke of Port Arthur, Texas, arrived Tuesday for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Williams.

Mrs. Craven Watkins and infant son returned Friday morning from Cape Girardeau and are at their home on William Street.

A flawless emerald (and there are very few without flaws) is worth, carat for carat, three times the value of a simila diamond.

"North of 36", as stated in another part of The Standard as appearing at the Malone Theatre Monday and Tuesday, December 22 and 23, should read December 29 and 30, as this play follows the coming week attraction. This picture is showing at the Missouri Theatre in St. Louis this week and the press speaks very complimentary of it, in fact, says it is the equal if not superior to the "Covered Wagon".

BRIDGING OF MAJOR STREAMS POSSIBLE BY FEDERAL AID

One of the most helpful results of Federal aid to road construction has been the bridging of major streams which it has encouraged and made possible, acording to the annual report orf the Bureau of Public Roads of the United States Department of Agriculture. Such streams are, in many cases, the boundaries of counties or States, and the necessity of securing joint action of the authorities of two political divisions, coupled with the inadequacy of funds available, has made the construction of modern structures over wide rivers an almost hopeless problem. Yet it is evident that no continuous road system is possible without bridging these barriers.

Federal aid and the co-ordinating influence of the Federal Government have been the means of securing practical action in a great many cases of this sort. The careful study of the principal lines of travel leading to the designation of the Federal-aid highway system has developed clearly the need of bridges of this character over certain streams and has brought about agreement as to the locations in which the bridges should be built. This benefit has been experienced by the majority of the States, especially those of the South and the Mississippi Valley.

Presbyterian Church

Odd Fellows Hall, East Center and Kingshighway.

Service for Sunday, December 21.

10:00 a. m.—Sunday School.

A loyal treat will be given to the children in attendance. Parents bring the children.

11:00 a. m—Christmas sermon by acting pastor H. L. Saunders. "What Christmas Should Mean to the World".

7:00 p. m.—Sermon. "Publishing Glad Tidings"

We live our welcome. Spend next Sabbath with us. A day in God's house is a splendid investment. Try it.

H. L. SAUNDERS

Pottery at Farmers Supply Co.

Judge Frank Kelly called a special grand jury to meet at Benton at 1:00 o'clock on Wednesday.

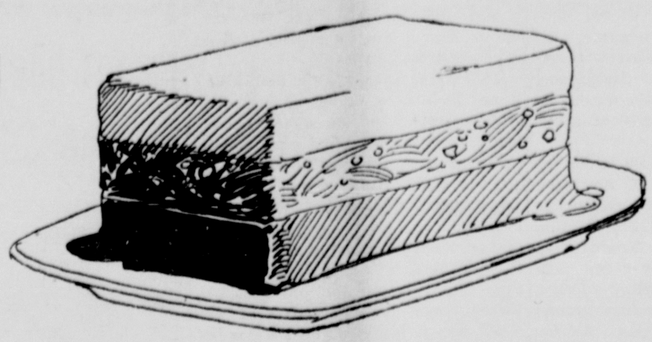
Mesdames Earl Johnson, W. A. Anthony, Earl Pate and Clay Stubbs were Cape Girardeau visitors Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. McCutchen spent several days of last week in St. Louis booking new pictures for the Malone Theatre.

Some very beautiful show windows are to be seen in Sikeston at this time. In fact, with the exception of half a dozen establishments, all have the Christmas spirit.

The following girls, who are atending Christian College, Columbia, will arrive Friday to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents: Misses Anita Winchester, Lillian Shields, Martha Gresham, Mildred Stubblefield, Honora Bailey, Sara Malone, Lottie Dover and Catherine Blanton, secretary to the president of Christion College.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS ICE CREAM



So many folks have formed the sensible habit of serving Ice Cream as dessert after a heavy Christmas dinner, that we are this year offering a delicious, rich Neopolitan Brick, composed of Holiday Pudding, Butter Scotch and Black Walnut at the special price of 50c per Brick.

Serve It and You Please All

You may secure them at

The Bijou Phone 152 — **Dudley's Place** Phone 76

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'ARGENTINE LOVE' AT THE MALONE THEATRE

The newest romance by Vincente Blasco Ibanez, "Argentine Love", a Paramount peiture produced by Allan Dwan with Bebe Daniels and Ricardo Cortez featured in the principal roles, comes to the Malone Theatre Monday and Tuesday nights.

The story, as the title indicates, is a South American love-drama, rich in color and teeming with fast-moving action. Miss Daniels is cast in the role of Consuelo Garcia, a young Spanish girl who flouts all the old, time-worn customs and traditions of her race and manages the affairs of her heart to suit herself.

It is the custom in the Argentine for the parents to do all the picking of a life mate. But not so for Consuelo. She has been to the United States, absorbed a new world polish and acquired, among other things, a fiance—a young American engineer who accompanies her to the Argentine where his work brings him.

Needless to say, the girl's parents are furious—and when Juan Martin, the financial king of the little town of Alcorta, comes to claim his bride, there is the very dickens to pay. Consuelo simply will have none of him and tells him so. Martin claims her as his own and vows that no one else will ever have her.

Consuelo's parents, who have been having quite a hard time of it financially, point out to the girl that her education, everything was paid for by Juan Martin. She owes much to him. But even this fails to change the girl. She leaves the house in a huff and goes with a faithful old nurse to live in a deserted hacienda that had once been her father's home.

Martin has her every move reported to him and he kills a man in a fit of jealous rage over Consuelo.. He is a fugitive from justice though the townspeople place the entire blame for the affair on Consuelo. They flog her in the public square. Phillip Sears, the American engineer, arrives just in time to save her from the mob. The scenes that follow—wherein Martin gets all that is coming to him and Sears and the girl are united—bring the production to a fitting climax.

Allan Dwan has made a most interesting picture in "Argentine Love", a picture that is sure to please everyone.

Cortez, of course, has the role of the hot-blooded Spanish lover. James Rennie, heading a strong supporting cast, is Phillip Sears. Others include Mario Majeroni, Aurelio Coccia, Russ Whital, Alice Chapin, Julia Hurley and Mark Gonzales.

John Russell adapted the story to the screen.

Out-door gifts for the boys.—Farmers Supply Co.

A recent survey by the United States Department of Agriculture shows that 70 per cent of all co-operative cheese factories in the United States are in Wisconsin, that 60 per cent of farmers belonging to such enterprises are located in that State, and that 70 per cent of the business handled in 1923 by co-operative associations for marketing cheese was handled by Wisconsin organizations.

NEW P AND L. STOCK STILL COMING IN

Since the last list of new shareholders in the Sikeston Building and Loan Association was published, one hundred new shares have been subscribed as follows:

Name	Shares
C. E. Felker	10
Melvin Bowman	10
Frank Martin	10
Effie M. Campbell	10
Milbourn Arbaugh	10
John F. Burks	10
Jake Goldstein	10
Roy H. Wagner	10
H. P. Deevers	5
W. L. Huters	5
Byron M. Crain	5
C. L. Malone	5

The By-Laws of the Association say that no one shareholder shall hold more than 40 shares. So far only two, Harry Lampert and Mrs. Faith Sherry Brenton, both of Sikeston, have the limit of 40 shares. The accumulations on the shares of these members are piling up at a great rate and this astute business man and woman would gladly take more shares if they were permitted to do so, and as the limit will likely be raised in the changes that are being contemplated in the by-laws, they will soon be permitted to take out more shares. Sinre many of the present shareholders are taking out more stock, there will soon be many holding 40 shares or more.

A thorough canvass of Sikeston is being made as rapidly as possible and as soon as this is done, salesmen will go to other cities in an effort to enlarge the shareholding body. The Association is taking on new life and is growing by leaps and bounds. Those who are not saving their money as they would like and who are not now investing their money so as to make it yield them the highest returns, should get into this money-making institution now. Every day someone bemoans the fact that he did not get into the Building and Loan Association several years ago, since if he had done so, he would now have several hundred dollars saved up. You will never regret the step you take when you first subssribe for B. & L. stork.

MODERN WOODMAN ELECTED NEW OFFICERS WEDNESDAY

The Modern Woodmen met Wednesday night, December 17, and elected officers for the ensuing year.

The officers elected were:

C. C. White, Consul.
J. A. O'Hara, Advisor.
P. H. Stevenson, Secretary.
P. H. Gross, Banker.
Grady Davis, Escort.
John Meldrum, Chief Forester.
Alton Cravens, Watchman.
Harry Gross, Sentry.

On January 6th, the Woodmen will have an oyster supper at their hall.

Community ware at reduced prices.—Farmers Supply Co., Hardware Department.

Mrs. L. M. Stallcup and Mrs. E. P. Colmean are home from a short visit with Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Clay of Memphis, Tenn

LOCAL AND PERSONAL FROM NEW MADRID

The Thursday Afternoon Club spent a very pleasant time at the home of Mrs. Harry Sharp, who entertained them, using as substitutes Mesdames J. C. St. Mary, R. L. Simmons and Miss Linda Stewart. The trophy, a box of stationery was given Mrs. Simmons for her successful playing. Concluding the game, a very dainty salad luncheon was served.

Mrs. Willard Russell of Sikeston was a guest of Mrs. Curtis Buesching last Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bloomfield and the latter's mother, Mrs. Thos. Gallivan, returned last Thursday from Bunceton, Ind., where they visited relatives and friends.

J. M. Miles went to Cairo last Thursday to visit his new born son, David Neal.

Howard Morrison of Sikeston was a business visitor in New Madrid on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Shy have moved from their country home to New Madrid occupying the Shirly house.

Judge W. L. Stacy of Sikeston was a business visitor in New Madrid last Friday.

J. R. Grabenhorst, of Canalou, was looking after business matters in New Madrid, Friday.

Geo. De Lisle of Portageville spent Friday in New Madrid.

Attorney E. F. Sharp of Marston made a professional trip to our city Thursday.

Miss Annie Howard was in Sikeston on business last Friday.

Mrs. Jennie Hendricks, after a week's illness of pneumonia, died at her home in this city, Sunday afternoon about 2 o'clock. Arrangements for the funeral have not been completed at this writing.

Miss Lucy Bird to Mrs. Nelie Bird Houser: 120.88 acres, sections 7 8 and 9, twp. 25, range 14. $1.00 and Mutual Division of a tract of land.

C. J. Ilmstead and wife to R. R. Givens and John T. Parrish. Lot 3 and the S½ of lot 2 in blk. 56, City of Morehouse. $350.

Givens and Parrish to Mattie Braswell: Lot 3 and south half of lot 2 in blk. 56 city of Morehouse. $250.

Bettie Matthews et al to J. N. Gossett and wife: Lot 1 Matthews 6th addition to Matthews.

T. G. Blackwell to B. E. Patterson: SW¼ of the SW¼ sec. 35 and all east of the center line of the dredged ditch in the SE¼ of the SE¼ sec. 34-22-11, containing 60 cares.

Ellen Chatham to Amelia Waltrip: Lots 11, 12 and 13 in blk. 3 Waltrip's 2nd addition to the city of Portageville, $250.

T. A. Lee and wife to Chas. McGee and Mamie McGee: Tract of land containing 6-10 acres in the SE¼ of the SE¼ sec. 25, twp. 21, range 12, city of Portageville $250.

Adolph Branham and wife to Max Feinstein and R. I. Ellington: Lots 8 and 9 block 12 in the original town of Portageville. $13,250.00.

J. N. Gossett and wife to Frank Parsons: Lot 2 in 2nd add. Matthews, containing 5.80 acres in the N½ 6-24-14 and lot 3, containing 2.71 acres NW¼ sec. 6-24-14.

Marriage License

E. A. Coats of Lilbourn and Annie Carswell of Talbotton, Ga.

Cash England and Mary Oliver, New Madrid.

James Redman and Annie Pitman, near Malden.

Painted Tally Cards

Among the delightful gifts that even an amateur artist can make are tally and score cards. Every hostess who receives them will be twice pleased, for no gifts are so cherished as those made by the donor. A graceful decorative design is shown in the illustration, simply as a suggestion—for there is no end to the ways in which the characters on playing cards are introduced in decorations.

ACTION ON SUGAR INQUIRY IS NEAR

Washington, Dec. 12.—Indications were given at the White House today that action by President Coolidge might be expected at almost any time on the sugar inquiry conducted by the Tariff Commission.

The nature of the action to be taken has not been disclosed, but many of those acquainted with the progress of the two-year inquiry made by the commission expect the executive to decide upon retention of the present sugar duties of 1.76c on Cuban and 2.20c on cugar from other foreign countries.

The sugar tariff inquiry was initiated by the Tariff Commission on application filed in November, 1922, by the United States Sugar Association, an organization of American refiners with producing properties in Cuba, which asked that the duty of 50 per cent, the maximum possible under the flexible provisions of the tariff act, be reduced.

The commission divided in its report to the President last July, Chairman Marvin and Commissioner Burgess holding for retention of the existing rates and Vice Chairman Culbertson and Mrs. Costigan and Lewis recommending a reduction to 1.23c for Cuban sugar. Commissioner Glassie did not participate in the report because of disqualification. The President subsequently asked for additional information from the commission and the Department of Agriculture, which recently was furnished to him.

Hodge Decker, Jr., is one of the many who is on the sick list this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Pitman and Mrs. Forest Hobbs spent Wednesday afternoon in Cape Girardeau.

Miss Kate Austin, Mrs. Hodge Decker, Hodge Decker, Jr., and Ben F. Marshall were Cape Girardeau visitors Monday.

Jack and Bill Bowman, who are attending Westminster, Fulton, Mo., Lynn Smith and John Sikes of Kemper Military School, Booneville; Billy Keith from the School of Mines at Rolla, Milton Blanton from Georgia Tech. Atlanta, Ga., are all expected in Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with homefolks.

PARKER'S DU-FOLD FOUNTAIN PENS
The Gift Shop
DERRIS, THE DRUGGIST

The Priceless Gift

Eyesight has been rightfully called the priceless gift, so now, during the gift season, it is most fitting that you have your priceless gift properly fitted with glasses that will preserve your eyes and prevent undue strain from their use.

Dr. E. C. LONG

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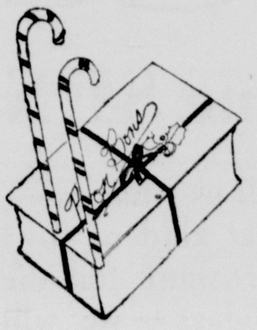
SERVING TRAYS
The Gift Shop
DERRIS, THE DRUGGIST

A Christmas Treat



Whatever other candy you may be planning to buy for Christmas, for good measure and greater satisfaction you want to be sure to include a box of Whitman's. It's the real Christmas Candy.

Dudley's Confectionery
Sikeston, Mo.

SIKESTON STANDARD

C. L. BLANTON, EDITOR

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Yearly lubscription elsewhere in the United States $2.00

The way of the transgressor is hard if you get caught.

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Guy Calvin and daughter Geneva and son J. H., and John Calvin, of Sikeston, Mo., were Cairo visitors Saturday.—Cairo Citizen.

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When one is frisking, frolicing and basking in the smiles of the vampire, he gives little thought that the minions of the law may be camping on this trail, but when the jail doors close on him, he has plenty of time to ponder over the uncertainties of life.

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This should be a merry Christmas to most everyone in Sikeston as few people have been out of work and all are able to have Santa Claus visit them in some manner. The shoe factory payroll has certainly been a God's send to Sikeston families and Sikeston merchants.

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An actual "brotherhood of man" can come only by sobriety, by industry, by service, by tolerance and affection. It cannot come by selfishness, by greed, by avarice, by dishonesty or disloyalty. Unjust gain by big business is wrong. Tying the hands of legitimate business is just as wrong and worse, for this destroys with positively no benefit. After all, business is ourselves. Business is what we as individuals gathered into a great whole, make it. A good man succeeds in any business, but he must give something of fully as great value as he receives, in fact usually more. To talk of the worker getting all the gain from his labor is childish. To talk of any one getting all the produce from his industry is without reason or thought. Giving something better,—giving greater value in either a day's work, in a publication, a railway or whatever it may be, is the marked road to success There is no other way.—J. C. Price.

TWO MORE MISSOURI HIGHWAYS ABOUT READY

Poplar Bluff, Dec. 13.—Two of the most beautiful automobile routes in Missouri probably will be available to motorists by next summer. These routes are State highway No. 16, from Bird's Point and Sikeston through Poplar Bluff to Springfield, and No. 16 and No. 7, from Poplar Bluff thru Wlilow Springs to Jefferson City. In combination with No. 9, the Lemay Ferry road from St. Louis htrough De Soto and Flat River, and No. 9 to Cape Girardeau to Sikeston (later No. 9 through Flat River), No. 23 from its intersection with No. 9 at Fredericktown, and the highway from St. Louis through Gray's Summit, Union, Rolla and Springfield, they will give all Southwest Missouri and the St. Louis district a new series of scenic week-end and vacation tours.

No. 16 is about 75 per cent complete from Poplar Bluff to Springfield, and travel is reported possible over it at all times. No. 16 is virtually finished from Poplar Bluff as far as Willow Springs. Except for a short stretch in Butler county, 10 miles northwest of Poplar Bluff, it is finished in this (Butler) county. Highway officials declare that this stretch will be completed within 90 days.

Many tourists are using No. 16 in preference to the admittedly beautiful route from Poplar Bluff west through Doniphan over No. 42 to Alton nad No. 19 to Thayer, near the Arkansas line, then northwestward through West Plains to Willow Springs and on to Springfield.

The Jefferson City route from Poplar Bluff goes over No. 16 to Willow Springs where it swings northwestward on combined Nos. 16 and 7 to Cabool then northward on No. 7 thru Houston, Rolla, Vienna and Westphalia to Jefferson City. Between Cabool and Rolla this route is the same as that advocated by the Automobile Club of Missouri Touring Bureau for traveling from St. Louis to Springfield. There is much construction work under way on No. 7, and advices are that this road will be virtually completed next year, probably by the middle of summer.

Completion some time ago of the concrete eastward from Poplar Bluff on No. 16 to Dudley has made it possible for hundreds of tourists to use that route from Cairo westward. In fact, a number of them declare that the best way to cross Missouri is by the Cairo-Poplar Bluff-Springfield-Joplin route. The only difficulty on it is experienced in the mountainous regions.

The Standard $1.50, per year.

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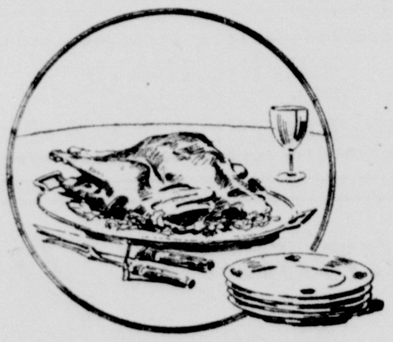

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Tell us what size—what kind of fowl you want for the holidays — we will have it ready for you.

We will deliver it at the time you want it.

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Sellards Meat Market

TO PROBE THE SECRETS OF THE "MEADOW OF DEATH"

A small sailing vessel bound from the Azores to the Bahamas has been becalmed for a week. Toward the evening of a brilliant, sultry day a snappy breeze springs up from the East and the schooner flies merrily onward into the night.

During the midnight watch, however, the wind dies down again, despite the lookout's persistent superstitious whistling for it. Then queer noises startle the man on watch; he looks down at the sea—and gasps with amazement.

Burning bushes everywhere in the water! Great patches of quivering phosphorescent light, some far underneath the surface, others floating above it. Sporting fish, leaving behind them trails of eerie green and yellow bubbles. Wriggling forms, leisurely winding themselves around glistening stems and stalks. As far as the eye can reach the sea is afire, alive, ghostly.

The crew, aroused by the lookout's cry, assemble on deck. They stand there horrified, and fascinated.

Morning brings a hot sun, floating in an ashen sky, which acts as a tent covering for the smooth, solid indigo of the ocean. The ship is entangled in sea growths, locked fast in an illimitable meadow of weeds—not solid enough to walk on, not thin enough for even a small boat to cut through.

The vessel drifts in a sluggish current around and around in a single great circle, through and with debris: logs, planks, casks, half-decayed animal carcasses.

On the second day a ship is sighted. They float closer and closer to it; pass it slowly. Its scuppers are level with the surface of the morass; its prow is submerged; its masts are tilted at crasy angles. It is manned only by a heap of skeletons and whitened bones, about which cling and flutter tattered remnants of cloth and string.

Thus the schooner floats about, helpless, as the days lengthen into weeks and months. The men, terror-stricken, famished and athirst, madden and perish slowly. There is no escape. Even the occasional squalls cannot drive the bark through those grisly masses of marine refuse and out into the open water.

Such is a characteristic tragedy of the dread Sargasso Sea, the Atlantic's "meadow of death". Few ships have ever explored its heart and returned again to port. Hundreds, perhaps thousands, have remained entombed there. It guards its tragic secrets jealously.

Early next year, however, the Sargasso Sea will be systematically penetrated. An American ship is now being fitted out to engage in battle with the weeds. It will be manned by a picked party of scientists, headed by the famous William Beebe and sponsored by the New York Zoological Society.

Henry D. Whiton, president of the Union Sulphur Company, has granted to the expedition the use of his 280-foot, 2475-ton steamer, the Arcturus, which is now being refitted at Hoboken with specially designed weed-proof propellers to enable it to cut through the ocean jungle safely. It will also be equipped with submarine windows in its lower sides and bottom, through which scientific observations can be made. A novel ledge or passage will be built around the vessel just above the waterline. A prow platform resembling the cowcatcher of a locomotive will be installed and made lowerable to a point from which specimens can be scooped up as the ship proceeds. Diving apparatus will be carried for work in shallow waters, and all known devices for deep-sea dredging will be taken along. The equipment will also include a fleet of smal boats some of them glass bottomed.

The Arcturus thus prepared for its journey into the real ocean wilderness, will sail some time in January and remain in the Sargasso latitudes about six months. It will be a tremendous romantic adventure—altho' officially its purposes are strictly scientific, it being the ninth expedition of the societys department of tropical research.

William Beebe already has achieved prominence as an adventurer scientist of extraordinary attainments. From his last voyage, to Galapagos, a lonely volcanic peak far out in the Pacific off the coast of hili, he brought home specimens of ferocious prehistoric lizards and dragon-like toads. Also tales, passing strange, of hardship, famine and dangers, all effectively and hardily overcome. But his projected struggle againnst the mysterious enemies of Sargasso holds more fascination, more terror, than anything he has yet attempted.

His primary object this time, he has explained, will be to study the bizarre fishes and other organisms which live in the depths of the weedy sea, about which very little is known.

"We will go out to get a specimen of the giant squid, for one thing", said Mr. Beebe. "Nothing is known about these fearsome beasts except that whales have been seen fighting with them, engaging in terrific struggles that churned the water and dyed it red. A few remains of these octopi have been found in the stomachs of captured whales. In one case there is a record of finding an arm, or sucking tentacle, of one of these creatures twenty-seven feet in length. This would indicate that the monster, whose limb it was, measured at least fifty-eight feet across.

This giant squid is a man-killer. There have been occasions on which it has ben known to attack heavy boats, capsize them, and strangle the men in them, meanwhile poisoning the sea water by injecting into it an inky-black fluid. Unless it is stabbed in its central "heart" where the tentacles converge in a mass of tough flseh, punctuated by two small, cruel eyes, the monster is invulnerable. Victor Hugo, in his "Toilers of the Sea", has vividly described a combat in which a man barely escapes from the clutches of the 8-armed beast.

"Another rare fish we expect to capture", added Mr. Beebe, "is one which is luminescent, with different colored patches of light on its body and head. Of this animal no specimen has ever been preserved alive".

The Sargasso Sea itself was really discovered by Christopher Columbus in 1492 on his first voyage to Amerira. Columbus' little flee. was involved in the weeds for two weeks. He managed to exrirate his raravels, but not until he had quelled a mutiny on board, inspired probably by the terrors of this "marine rubbish heap, where the Atlantic deposits all its refhse". Colnmbus himself called it the "Mare de Sarcaso", the Sea Weeds.

But its presence had been vaguely noted long before the days of Columbus. Ovid the ancient Latin poet, called it the Seaweed Meadow and suggested that it might be overlying the very place where the fabled continent of proud Atlantis and the golden gardens of the Hesperides stood before they were engulfed by the ocean in a might cataclysm of Nature. If he was right the spot is doubly justified in its title of the "Graveyard of the Atlantic".

Its exact situation has been determined as between the 25th and 30th degrees of norh latitude and between the 38th and 60th degrees of west longitude. It thus lies to the north and northeast of Cuba. Some voyagers declare it is really so large that the whole continent of Europe could be superimposed upon it without covering up its outermost edges.

Why does this romantic and miraculous floating terror gather and clasp into its bosom all the unattached wreckage from the Gulf of Mexico and the Carribbean Sea? What has caused the formation of this grim death-trap of the ocean?

It is in reality a huge eddying whirlpool, circulating sluggishly but irresistibly. Ocean currents keep it moving year after year. The so-called main equatorial current strikes directly across the Atlantic from the mid-western coast of Africa to Brazil. The gulf stream flows northward along the Florida coast, then eastward toward the British Isles. Thus the Sargasso Sea lies in a mighty oceanic "hollow", around which these streams are forever circulating.

Like any other whirlpool, it draws into its center, during century after century, everything that floats into it; trunks of trees from the forests of Brazil, cast out by the Amazon; logwood from Honduras, orange trees from Florida, casks and boats from the West Indies, staved-in wrecks and remains of all the devastating storms of the Atlantic, old keels and skeletons of lost ships, so covered with barnacles, shells and weeds as to be entirely lost to view; and every now and then a living ship has been drawn in here to its living death.

The Sargasso Sea has been avoided by mariners for generations—even after the advent of the stream-driven vessels.

Its peculiar straw-colored seaweed thrives on its garbage-like nourishment. It has been growing—expanding—for hundreds of years; growing thicker and spreading more and more.

What will be its end? Some scientists have suggested that it will eventually decay and turn into a great coal deposit, which may in the fuutre supply the world with all the fuel it needs. The findings of the present Beebe expedition may, then, among othe things, throw some light on this interesting possibility.—K. C. Star.

When a man walks a mile he takes on an average of 2263 steps, but when he rides a bicycle with an average year, he covers a mile with an equivalent of only 627 steps.

Izaak Walton's cottage at Shallowford, five miles from Stafford, England, has been restored and will henceforth be open to all fishermen —"compleat" or otherwise— who may car to make a pilgrimage to it. It is described as "little bigger than a match-box". America's anglers contributed liberally to the cottage's preservation.

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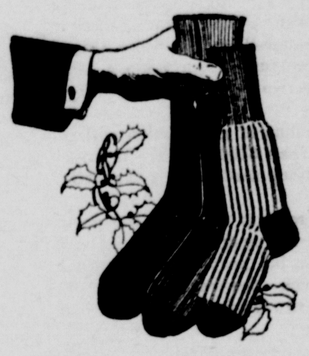

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Buddy Matthews will arrive Saturday to spend Christmas with homefolks.

The municipal authorities in Paris ae gradualy dispensing with women as street cleaners who during the war period and for some time afterward did all of the cleaning of the sreets.

An "electric" hen at Petalum Cal., hatches 500,000 eggs in one se ting.

Of the hundreds of nurses sent one religious order to tend the st ferers in leper colonies not one h ever contracted the dread disease.

At the age of 80 years, Dowag Queen Alexandra of England, still tains her health, her only defects ing a slight failing in eyesight a a growing deafness.

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NEGRO TOWN LIFTS BAN ON THE WHITES

Henryetta, Okla., Dec. 12.—The sign reaching across the main street of Boley and reading the ominous warning, "White Man Don't Let he Sun Set on You", has been forced down by Federal authorities, who threatened discontinuance of the post-office of Boley unless the order was obeyed. Boley is a negro town of possibly 2000 inhabitants; all negroes, and located in Okfuskee County. Few white men are ever seen on streets of the town and those who are seen are among th traveling salsmen or officers of the law from the Sheriff's office or State or Federal departments.

The town is located in a rich cotton producing section of Okfuskee County and bears close resemblance to any well ordered community of like size controlled by white people. It has its business section of well stocked stores and a residence section of not a few comfortable homes, and osme pretentious dwellings. The schools and churches compare favorably.

A municipal water system and electric service are among the public utilities. The town also has two hotels, one of which is operated by a ngro, and devoted exclusively to white patronage, it being especially popular with traveling salesmen because of its excellency of its table fare; fried chicken heading the menu three times daily, it is stated.

Aside from this accommodation no other provision is made for white people, nor is the Caucasian race wanted. During the recent election Boley became of front page news value because of the ejectment of Gene Catlett, white Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, and a candidate for re-election, from a voting booth by the negro town marshal, and which for the time threatened a race war.

Catlett had gone to Boley to challenge certain negro voters whom he claimedwer'e not legally entitled to the franchise, and was forcibly ejected from the polls by the negro marshal, John Owen, who ordered him out of town. Catlett returned to Okemah, the County seat, and reported the circumstance at the same time placing a warrant for Own's arrest in the hands of Sheriff R. H. McKinnon, who, with his deputies went to Boley to place Owen under arrest, but upon their arrival in the negro town they were met by about 400 negroes, all havily armed and ordered not to proceed further.

The negro mob then disarmed the Sheriff's posse, and escorting them to the town limits told them to "keep going". Returning to Okemah, Sheriff McKinnon reported the trouble to Adjutant-General Baird H. Markham at Oklahoma City, who came to Boley and placed Owen under arrest, at the same time assuring the negroes that there would be no invasion of their town by a mob of white men as had been reported was information. Peace meetings under cooler heads were held among the white at Okmah and a race war was averted.

The election was held without further friction, and Owen's case was handled by the Attorney-General's department. Since then this exclusively negro conducted municipality has pursued the even tenor of its way.

In ordering the offensive sign removed from the street, the Federal officials pointed out that it might be necessary for white officials in the postal service to visit Boley, and it might also be necessary for them to remain ovtr night in line of duty. It was also explained to the negroes that such signs were unwarranted and a menace that could ten only to keep alive the racial antagonism and would but result in injury to their community.

'HARD-SURFACED' ROAD WAS BUILT BY INDIANS

The so-called "stepping-stones" in Northwest Cimarron County, in the Oklahoma Panhandle, were probably one of the Indians' "hard surfaced" roads.

The stones have a flat upper surface are an average of 16 inches in length, a foot in width, from six to eight inches in thickness and are laid flat on the ground. They are partly imbedded in the soil and are placed at such a distance apart that a person taking an average stride can step with ease from stone to stone.

The stones are laid in a line over four miles in length running almost due east and west and only a short distance south of the Colorado-Oklahoma line, some 20 miles east of Kenton.

The line of stones leads from Squaw Canyon, a tributary of the Cimarron River from the north, in a westerly direction two miles to another small stream in Red Canyon, which it crosses, and continues to the west ancther two miles or so into North Canyon.

Ute Indians had what might be called permanent villages in Squaw Canyon and North Canyon, and it seems likely that the line of stones was laid as a hard surfaced trail between their villages.

That the stones have been in their present position for many years is easily seen from the fact that some of them in low places have become buried several feet under layers of earth and grass which have the appearance of having been the product of half a century or possibly a century of time.

Some of the buried stones have hollows in their flat top surface as tho' they had been worn by countless moccasined feet.

Some of the stones are missing from the long line, having been washed out by torrental rains or having been caried away by settlers who used them for weights on fences.

Card of Thanks

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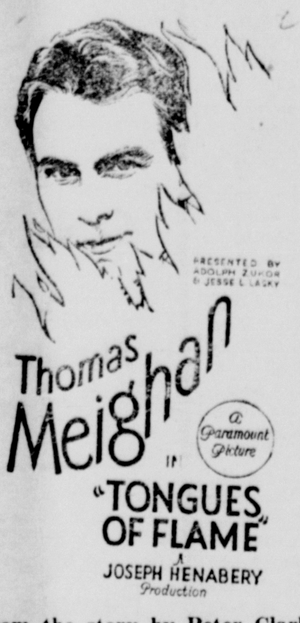

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Note—The above picture "Tongues of Flame" will have its first showing in St. Louis in the leading theatre the week of December 28th.

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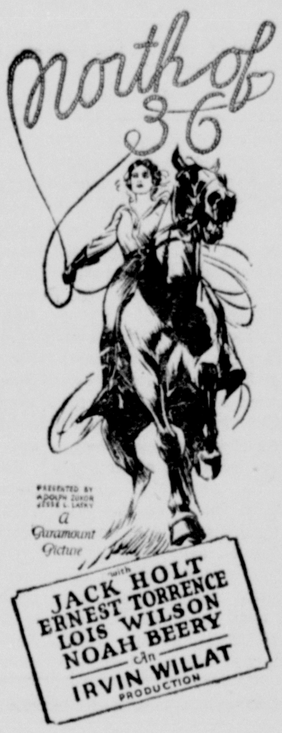

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FARM BUREAU NEWS FROM NEW MADRID

What Is a Germination Test?

A good deal has been said in the past about germination tests on farm seed. More wil be heard in the future, as it is very important. But many do not understand "what is a germination test?" and "what is its value to the farmer?" Therefore, the Missouri College of Agriculture sends out this explanation.

Briefly a germination test is a test of the ability of seed to come up. It is expressed in percentage which tells you how many seed out of each hundred you can expect to sprout. The conditions under which the test is run are as near the conditions the seed would have in the field as possible. Results are carefully checked to avoid mistakes.

The value of the test is to tell you before you plant whether your planting seed are all able to sprout or only partly so. It is too expensive to plant them in your field to find out. If the percentage germination is low, more seed per acre must be used to overcome it. If the percentage is very low the seed are unsafe for planting and some good seed should be secured. It will be much cheaper in the long run.

Germination tests rae run free. See your county agent or write the Missouri College of Agriculture if you have no agent.

Farmers To Try Sweet Clover

The legume crop, sweet clover, has been gaining in popularity among the farmers of the middle west and this year it is going to be tried in New Madrid County. Several farmers within the county have expressed their intention of planting several acres to this crop. Among them are J. E. Sawyers, Portageville; Arthur Matson, Gideon; Fred Geske, Canalou and Alfred Stepp, New Madrid. There are others also.

Sweet Clover, once considered a noxious weed in Kansas is now recognized as a valuable crop. As a crop for soil improvement sweet clover is unexcelled; for pasturing purposes it has given satisfactory results; as a forage crop it can often be utilized to good advantage where alfalfa or red clover cannot be successfully grown. There are several varieties of sweet clover but the one preferred is the white variety. There is often times trouble in securing a stand but by inoculating the seed a part of this is eliminated. If to be grown for hay, it is better to use fertile soil, however, if desired for a pasture the poorer soil may be used to advantage. As a soil builder this crop is superior even to alfalfa. Anyone desiring information on this can write to the County Extension Agent.

Harry Kirkbridge of Malden was in to se us a few days ago. He desired information as to where good seed corn and cotton could be disposed of.

Amos Riley of Lilbourn came in to see us last week to purchase some hog serum.

Howard Dickson of Parma paid the Farm Bureau a social call last week.

Arthur Matson and L. Dvorak of Gideon called at the office a few days ago to obtain information in regard to planting sweet clover.

Henry Adams of Portageville was also a visitor at the office last week. Mr. Adams came after serum.

The best place to supply your Christmas gift wants reasonable.—Famers Snpply Co.

Less than one-half of the corn crop in the Corn Belt States reached maturity before the first killing frost this year, according to reports received by the United States Department of Agriculturer. Usually about 91 per cent of the crop reaches maturity by that time compared with 48 per cent this year.

Among Gifts for Men

As welcome as the Christmas tree, the perennial shoe tree and coat hanger make their annual appearance. They have arrived in sets to match this year, some of them neatly covered with corduroy, in cheerful colors, and others with gay ribbons and decked with ribbon flowers. The corduroy sets make nice gifts for men.

Weather Bureau Determines Where Hurricanes Develop

There are two principal regions where conditions are most favorable for the development of cyclonic storms in the Tropics, one in the region immediately south and southwest of the Cape Verde Islands in the eastern Atlantic Ocean and the other in the western third of the Caribbean Sea. The establishment of this fact was one of the most important results of an exhaustive study of West Indian hurricanes and other revolving tropical storms of the North Atlantic Ocean which was completed by one of the forecasters at the central office of the Weather Bureau of the United States Department of Agriculture.

All available data from ships as reported to the Hydrographic Office of the Navy and to the marine division of the Weather Bureau, for a period of 37 years from 1887 to 1923, inclusive, including the daily weather maps of the Weather Bureau and the publication of various foreign meteorlogical services, were used in the work of replotting the tracks of all storms of tropical origin. It was found that no storms of cyclonic character developed over the eastern two-thirds of the Caribbean Sea during the entire period of 37 years.

Another important conclusion reached is that a tropic cyclone will recurve to the northward and northeastward at the first favorable opportunity, irrespective of longitude or time of year. That so many of these storms travel so far to the westward before recurving is becuase of the influence of the semipermanent area of high pressure which extends from the vicinity of the Azores west-southwestward to the coast of the South Atlantic States. Whenever there is a temporary breaking down of this area of high pressure to the northward of a hurricane it will immediately start to recurve.

Roasters.—Farmers Supply Co.

The American children's vehicles and toys are sold at Farmers Supply Co., Hardware Department.

In a study of the retail meat business the United States Department of Agriculture found that of the average consumer's dollar received by the retailer the meat costs 78.6 cents, the retailer's expenses were 19.7 cents, andth e profit was 1.7 cents. When a reasonable wage is allowed for the proprietor of the business it is hardly possible to show a profit on a yearly volume of sales of less than $14,000 the department found in its survey.

The use of oiled paper wrappers, developed recently by the Bureau of Plant Industry, United States Department of Agriculture to control scald in boxed apples, has now become common among apple growers. These wrappers have not controlled apple scald completely, but they have caused such a marked reduction in this trouble that the trade recognizes them as an essential part of the industry. Another method of using oiled paper developed by the department is in the shredded form for the prevention of scald in barreled apples. Paper in this form was tried out for some time experimentally and last year a number of commercial growers in the East used it to a small extent. It has been found that 1½ pounds of the shredded oiled paper, well distributed through the barrel, produces fairly satisfactory results.

Meat cutting sausage mills at the Farmers Supply Co.

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Fort Constitution, Scene of Colonists First Action Against British Soldiers

Fort constitution, situated at Newcastle, three miles southeast of Portsmouth, N. H., is close to the former site of and replaces a fortification that not only was one of the earliest forts erected in America, but had the added distinction of being the scene of the first action of the Colonists against British soldiers.

At the time of its capture from the British by the Colonists it was known as Fort William and Mary, in honor of the king and queen of England. The new fort was built by the United States in 1808 and named Fort Constitution.

The fort had its beginning in 1666. Colonial records show that construction of the fortifications was being carried on in that year:

In 1666, June 19. At a general towne meeting, for the better carrying of the fortification at Fort Poynt, it was consented unto and voted that every dweller and liver in the towne above 16 years of age, whether householder, children, servants or any other residing in the towne, shall and doe here promise to worke at the same one whole weeke betwixt this and the last day of October next ensuing, and shall appear on such days as they shall have notice given them from time to time until they have accomplished severall sayd weeks worke, and to be allowed out of their subscriptions 3 shillings per day, and to be at the fort by 7 o'clock in the morning and to give over at 6 in the evening, to begin on the Great Island and so round by Sandy Beach, and thence through the whole towne. —'Rambles About Portsmouth', Brewster.

Apparently (there is no authentic data until 1774) the fortifications were completed, taken over by the home government, armed and manned, and named Fort William and Mary, in honor of the king and queen of England.

From 1676 to 1759 New Hampshire suffered greatly from the depredations of Indians, which tended to retard settlement. Nevertheless a garrison was maintained which, affording protection to the immediate vicinity, aided materially in the ensuing colonization of that section.

In the years preceding the War of Independence, the province of New Hampshire became vitally interested in the disturbances which culminated in the outbreak of hostilities, between the thirteen colonies and England.

Feeling among the people of the provinve ran high eithtr for or against various questions current at the timt. Paul Revere who later won fame as a result of his ride to warn Lexington and Concord that the British were marching against them from Boston, brought news in December, 1774, of certain activities of the patriots in Rhode Island which determined the people of Portsmouth to dismantle the fort at Newcastle and utilize the gunpowder and stores for military purposes should trouble with England break out. December 14, 1774, the fort was taken after a feeble resistance from the British garrison, and sixteen pieces of cannon, about sixty muskets, and certain other military stores were carried away and hidden.

In a letter to the earl of Dartmouth, dated "Portsmouth, 20th December, 1774", the royalist governor, Sir John Wentworth, reported:

On Tuesday the 13tn inst., in the afternoon, one Paul Revere arrived express with letters from some of the leaders in Boston to Mr. Samuel Cutts merchant of this town. Reports were soon circulated that the fort at Rhode Island had been dismantled, and the gunpowder and other military stores removed up to Providence and on extract of the circular letter directing the seizure of gunpowder was printed in a Boston newspaper of the 12th in consequence as I have been informed, of the said letters having been communicated to the house of assembly at Rhode Island. And it was also falsely given out that troops were embarking at Boston to come and take possession of William and Mary Castle in this harbor. These rumors soon raised an alarm in the town; and, although I did not expect that the people would be so audacious as to make any attack on the castle, yet I sent orders to the captain at he fort to be upon his guard.

"On Wednesday, the 14th, about 12 o'clock, news was brought to me that a drum was beating about the town to collect the populace together in order to go and take away the gunpowder and dismantle the fort. I immediately sent the chief justice of the province to warn them from engaging in such an attempt. He went to them, where they were collected in the center of the town, near the town house, explained to them the nature of the offense they proposed to commit, told them it was not short of rebellion, and entreated them to desist from it and disperse. But all to no purpose. They went to the island; and, being joind there by the inhabitants of the towns of Newcastle and Rye, formed in all a body of about four hundred men, commanded by Capt. John Pickering, and the castle being in too weak a condition for defense (as I have in former letters explained to your lordship), they forced their entrance in spite of Captain Cochrane, who defended it as long as he could; but, having only the assistance of five men, their numbers overpowered him. After they entered the fort, they seized upon the captain, triumphantly gave three huzzas, and hauled down the king's colors. They then put captain and men under confinement, broke open the gunpowder magazine and carried off about one hundred barrels of gunpowder, but discharged the captain and men from their confinement before their departure.

"On Thursday, the 15th, in the morning, a party of men came from the country accompanied by Mr. (Gen. John) Sullivan, one of the New Hampshire delegates to the congress, to take away the cannot from the port also .....While the town was thus full of men, a committee from them came to me to solicit for pardon or a suspension of prosecution against the persons who took away the gunpowder. I told them I could not promise any such thing; but, if they dispersed and restored the gunpowder, which I earnestly exhorted them to do, I said I hoped his majesty may be thereby induced to consider it an elleviation of the offense. They parted from me, in all appearance perfectly disposed to follow the advice I had given them....But the people, instead of dispersing, went to the castle in the night, headed by Mr. Sullivan and took away sixteen pieces of cannon, about sixty muskets and other stores military, and brought them to the out-bordes of the town.

On Friday morning, the 16th, Mr. Folsan, the other delegate, came to town with a great number of armed men, who remained in town as a guard until the flow of the tide in the evening, when the cannon were sent in gondolas up the river into the country, and they all dispersed without having done any personal injury to anybody in the town.

"They threatened to return again in order to dismantle the fort entirely and to carry off or destroy the remaining heavy cannon (about seventy pieces), and also to seize upon the province treasury. .....I wrote to General Gage and Admiral Graves for assistanct to restrain the boisterious temper of the people upon which the Admiral ordered the armed ships Canceaux and Scarborough here, and they arrived (the former the 17th and the latter the 19th) in time to prevent the futher dismantling of the fort."

Governor Wentworth deplored the inability of the government to bring the offenders to punishment.

"No jails would hold them long", he continued in the letter above quoted, "and no jury would find them guilty; for, by the false alarm that has been raised throughout the country, it is considered by the weak and ignorant, who have ruled in these times, an act of self preservation".

It was not long before the governor found his position becoming precarious, and withdrew to the fort for greater security.

The following communications show somewhat the condition of the fort at the time with respect to armament, and how the remaining stores and ordnance were removed by the British. In a letter to General Gage, dated "Ft. William and Mary, 15 June, 1775", he says:

"The ferment in this province has become very general.....Two thousand men are already enlisted, two-thirds of whom I am informed are destined to join the insurgents in your province, and the remainder are to be stationed along the coast in different parts between Portsmouth and Newbury.....Seeing every idea of the respect due to his majesty's commission so far lost in the frantic rage and fury of the people as to find them to proceed to such daring violence against the person of his representative, I found myself under the necessity of immediate withdrawing to Ft. William and Mary, both to prevent as much as may be a repetition of the insults and to provide for my security.

"I think it exceedingly for the king's service to remain as long as possible at the fort, where I now am with my family in a small incommodious house....than the hope of retreating on board his majesty's ship Scarborough, if it should be in my power. This fort, although containing upwards of sixty pieces of cannon, is without men or ammunition".

In a letter to Paul Wentworth, dated "Ft. William and Mary, 29 June, 1775", he says:

"Admiral Graves has sent a transport under convoy of the Falcon, sloop-of-war, and entirely dismantled this ungarrisoned castle of all the ordnance, stores, etc. Besides the inconvenience of being crowded into this miserable house, confined for room and neither wind or water-tight, I am inevitably obliged to incur some extra expense for my safety and existence ever here. Being of necessity compelled to make some small repairs to render it habitable and to employ six men as watches to prevent my being surprised and made prisoner. These, with my three servants, and Mr. Brenning Wentworth, and Captain Cochrane, are divided into three guards of four hours each; by which means I have some security of getting on board the Scarborough. The six men are at the expense of $12 a month each, including their dieting, allowance of rum, etc.; under which expense no trusty man can possibly be had for so unpopular service in this time of general opposition to government".

He soon thought it evidently the beter part of valor to leave the fort for the Isle of Shoals, for the "greater security of his safety and existence". There he boarded the Scarborough with his retinue.

There were no more activiites of note at the site of the old fort until 1808, when a new fort was built and named Ft. Constitution. The material and style used in tht construction were the usual ones of the period, i. e., brick, stone, rubble and earth, with the usual glacis sally-port gate and porteullis.

The remains of the old fort are still in excellent condition and are preserved for their historical value. In 1902 the Society of Colonial Wars erected a bronze plaque on the old gate with the inscription: "In commemoration of the first victory of the American Revolution, the capture, on this site, of Ft. William and Mary, 14-15 December, 1774. In admiration of the gallantry of Capt. John Langdon and Maj. John Sullivan, leaders of the assaults. In memory of the patriots who captured the fort and removed the guns and stores".

Ft. Constitution is today one of the most ideal and historic spots of the country. New barracks have been built, as well as other buildings. At present the post is garrisoned by Battery E, 8th coast artillery corps, and medical, ordnance and quartermaster detachment.—K. C. Star.

Picked Out Marble Deposit

In 1835 Pickens County Georgia, was people by the Cherokee Indians. In that year, one Sam Tate moved in and settled eight miles from any other white neighbor. He was first on the ground when the government moved the Cherokees out to Indian Territory in 1837. He staked off his pick of the lands left by the Indians, and his claim embraced, among other things, the finest marble deposit in the United States and one of the most valuable in the world. It still belongs to the Tate family. There is only one vein of Georgia marble, and the old man got it all—a solid block three-eighths of a mile wide, four miles long and two hundred feet to a half mile deep, the estimated worth of which today, according to experts, runs up to 165 billion dollars, and is still running. It has been worked now for more than fifty years and in all that time they have only scratched the surface of about three acres of it. They have dug out of it such buildings as the Corcoran Art Gallery and the Pan-American building in Washington, the Rhode Island state capitol, the New York Stock Exchange, the Federal Reserve Banks of Cleveland and Atlanta, the Field Museum in Chicago, the statue of Civic Virtue in New York City and thousands of lesser monuments, but you would hardly know it.—W. O. Saunders in Collier's.

Chinaware at Farmers Supply Co.

President Alvaro Obregon of Mexico plans to reside and manage his plantations at Navoja, Sonora, at the completion of his term of office.

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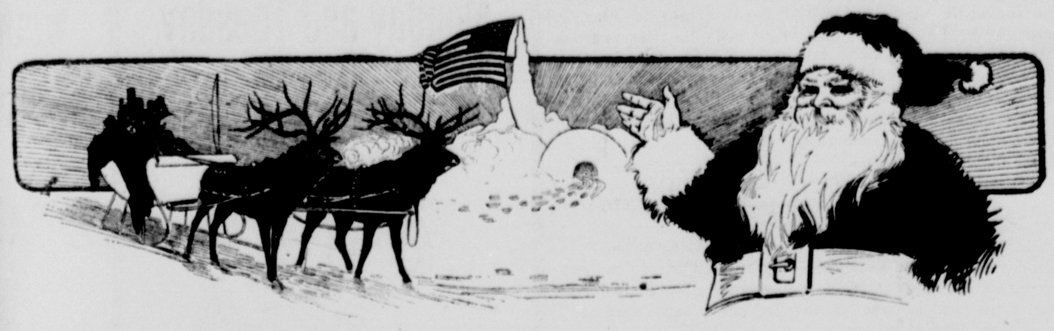

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VON MALTZAN CHOSEN AS NEW GERMAN ENVOY

Berlin, Dec. 10.—Baron Ago von Maltzan was this afternoon officially appointed as German ambassador to the United States to succeed Dr. Otto Wiedfeldt.

Baron von Maltzan is 47 years old and a native of Mecklenburg. He was educated at the Universities of Bonn and Breslau. Starting on a military career he became a lieutenant dragons in 1898, but entered the foreign offices an attache in 1906. He served as secretary of legation at Rio Janeiro, Christiania and St. Petersburg, and in 1912 became councillor of legation at Peking, where he remained until China entered the war against Germany. He has been an under-secretary in the foreign office for the past three years.

He accompanied foreign Secretary Rathenau and Chancellor Wirth to the Geona conference and was influential in framing the treaty of Rapallo, between Russia and Germany, which came as a great surprise to the entente powers represented at the Geona gathering. While in China he married Edith Gruson, daughter of a Magdeburg steel manufacturer. They have one daughter.

In the rice fields of Siam the women do all the work.

Suits made to measure, ladies' frocks, annd all other dress requisites, can now be purchased on one famous line, which recently carried 2790 passengers, including 855 first class, across the Atlantic.

FISH AND GAME BUDGET OF MISSOURI $362,200

Jefferson City, Mo., December 10.—The biennial budget of the State Fish and Game Commission which has been submitted to the State Tax Commission and on which the department's appropriation by the next session of the Legislature will be based, shows an increase of $62,200 over that of two years, according to figures obtained today at the State Tax Commission.

The budget now pending amounts to $362,200, while two years ago the department asked for only $300,000, and the amount actually recommended by the Tax Commission was $268,460, records show. The difference in the two budgets is attributed to the demand for money to carry out the state's new park and game preserve program and the lately installed game exhibit in the Missouri Resources Museum in the capitol.

Unlike other departments of the State Government, the Game and Fish Department is maintained by receipts from the sale of fishing and hunting licenses and fur dealers' permits, rather than by direct appropriation. It can only expend the amount of its total receipts, although a formal appropriation is needed from the Legislature to make the funds available.

Besides her duties as head of the educational system in Denmark, Mrs. Nina Bang, Minister of Education, acts as supervisor of museums and the Royal theatre. She also finds time to fulfill her duties as a mother.

A Fredonia, Kas., man, according to Austin Butcher of the Altoona Tribune, sent the following testimonal to a patent medicine company. "My wife took a bottle of your medicine and died. I am married again. Please send me another bottle."

GERMAN FLEET EXECUTED MANEUVERS AT JUTLAND

Boston, Dec. 11.—What went on behind the mists that hung over the North Sea while the British Grand Fleet and the High Seas Fleet of Germany fought the Battle of Jutland on May 31, 1916, is described in new terms by the British Admiralty eight years later, and its official narrative of this outstanding naval engagement of the World War, recently issued, conforms to an American version of the facts.

It had been announced by the admiralty, at a time when controversy was rife in high British naval circles, that no official account of the Jutland engagement would be given out. A Blue Book in 1920 had contained the original British charts and reports. But when Lord Sydenham, raising a formal question in the House of Lords, pointed out that an American historian, Capt. Thos. G. Frothingham, U. S. R., of Boston, had made clear certain essential facts of the battle that called for a change in the British official charts, renewed attention was given to the battle details.

The British Admiralty's own narrative, issued now as an official document of 120 pages with new charts and new conclusions, is the result.

It was the surprising strategy of Admiral Reinold Scheer, commander of the German forces, in executing three times within a space of 42 minutes, twice in defense and once in attack, a battle maneuver which the British high command had declared impossible of execution, that upset all British calculations as to what had occurred. This maneuver was a simultaneous turn of 16 battleships, like the about-face of marching men, with each ship swinging around almost in its own tracks.

It was the Yankee historian, an army officer during the World War, who first brought to light the facts of Admiral Scheer's amazing strategy and tactics in a monography, "A True Account of the Battle of Jutland". How the American learned what went on behind the mists at Jutland, he has not divulged, but it is understood that study of the original battle charts, in the light of his knowledge of the sea and ships, supplied the first clew.

The official narrative takes up its more important phases of review at 6:5 p. m. It was at that hour that the British forces joined, and Admiral Jellicoe with his full strength now available to bear against inferior German forces, turned to deploy on the port wing to form a line of battle on a course southeast by east, with an advance fan of cruisers and destroyers stretched between the German fleet and approach to their base. The British narrative says, "the enemy could only be seen fitfully thru the mist" and adds that no battleships could fire for many minutes together because observation was so poor.

These were the conditions, with the Germans steaming at a speed of 17 knots, sinking the Invincible, Defense and Warrior and striking mortal blows to the Black Prince as they went, when Admiral Scheer had first recourse to his uncomprehended maneuver to save his fleet from envelopment.

The German fleet reversed direction three times in a series of movements that look on the combined chart like a whirlgig, and this is now brought out and described by the admiralty narrative as it was described by the American historian. The Admiralty narrative's observations of the causes for each of the several "swing-abouts" by the German fleet take issue with the strategic motives given in Admiral Scheer's report.

The first German maneuver of "ships right about", by which every vessel in the long curved column swung simultaneously to reverse direction to the westward, served to relieve the situation by which the Germans were headinng into the mouth of a trap set by the British deployment. Instead, when the turn-together was executed, the German fleet was steaming safely away from the British formation under cover of a smoke screen. This maneuver was twice repeated without being known to the British until years afterward. Even now the Admiralty narrative, after saying what actually happened, suggests explanation of the failure to comprehend the move by description of the conditions which prevailed with the sentence, "In the thickening mist and smoke the enemy was lost to sight and a lull ensued which gave Admiral Scheer a short and much needed respit". He was running away, but the British fleet did not know it.

With the German fleet out of sight at 6:42 p. m., the British admiral ordered the course altered by divisions to the southeast. Then the tide of battle turned again, and at 6:55 Admiral Scheer used the same simultaneous swing of his ships to turn around the head to the east in attack. This offensive measure by the Germans, as described in the narrative, was "straight into the center of the arc formed by the British fleet. In a few minutes the leading (German) squadron and battle cruisers would be threatened with enevelopment and the concentrated fire of practically the whole Grand Fleet. The High Sea Fleet seemed to be rushing to destruction".

Capt. Frothingham has called attention to the remarkable fact that the German Admiral had thus voluntarily placed his fleet again in the same position from which he had once withdrawn. Admiral Scheer has since said that this move in attack, which brought a lesser German force against one which Lord Sydenham has described as "27 of the finest battleships in the world", was intended as a surprise blow to upset British plans and to facilitate the German fleet breaking loose to get back to its base at night. The admiralty narrative says that Admiral Scheer's motives "should be accepted with reserve. His intention was more probably to slip past the rear of the British fleet and make for home".

At the time that the British grand fleet saw the Germans again, heading toward them at a range of less than 10,000 yards, "the mists clear for a few minutes and the Seydlitz and Derflinger came under tremendous fire. The visibility was all in favor of the British at this time.

One effect of Admiral Scheer's surprising swing against the British was to force the Grand Fleet in two movements to turn away 45 degrees. Admiral Scheer has said that his object was obtained, and the third turn-together of the German fleet followed at 7:17. Of this the narrative of the Admiralty say, "As soon as Admiral Scheer realized that he was facing the main British fleet, he turned his battle fleet to the westward, and ordered the battle cruisers and flotillos to attack in order to cover his retreat". Admiral Scheer's representation that his object having been attained, the fleet withdrew, should be considered with the statement attributed to Van Hase that "the high seas fleet found iself in a trap and sent battle cruiser and flotillas ahead to extricate it", the narrative continues, adding "What might have been a disastrous blunder was by a stroke of luck turned to Admiral Scheer's advantage". Admiral Scheer's simultaneous turn at 7:17 included both the battle cruisers and the battleships, he has said.

These phases of the battle, as described in the Admiralty's narrative, bring the British version of the facts into line with the prior account by the American historian. Until Capt. Frothingham in his monograph described the "swing-around", thrice-repeated, it had no British notice.

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Mrs. Anna M. Kross of New York, who acts as guardian of the trust funds for the minor heirs of the late J. Pierpont Morgan, came to this country 25 years ago as an immigrant.

A colored portrait was recently sent b y telephone from Chicago to New York. The actual colors were not transmitted, but were separated at the point of sending and assembled at the point of receiving.

BLODGETT HOPPERS WIN IN DOUBLEHEADER FRIDAY

Diehlstadt, Dec. 13.—Both of the local teams met defeat at the hands of Blodgett last night when the girls' game ended 15 to 14 and the boys' 6 to 5.

In the girls' game, Diehlstadt outplayed Blodgett at every angle, but were not as lucky as Blodgett at making the free shots.

In the boys' game, Blodgett showed the better team work of the two.

Both teams are in the Southeast Missouri League. Diehlstadt has played the game and won two, while Blodgett has played two and lost one.

Diehlstadt should have a good chance at winning the championship this year because they have the two things necessary to make a winning team—team work and a large crowd of backers who are always rooting for them.

The teams of Diehlstadt play Wednesday at Bridges and Friday at Vanduser and stand a good chance of winning both games.

Products From a Whale

Efficiency engineers in Norway have completed an unusual task, the best results yet shown in such tests being in evidence, when they completed the manufacture of two hunded pairs of men's boots, twenty-five pair of men's shoes, many gross of sor leather shoestrings and more than one hundred feet of heavy belting, all made from the hide of one large whale that had been taken by whale hunters and towed into shore.

The carcass yielded also large quantities of oil, a big store of bone, a considerable quantity of fertilizer and an uncounted number of suvenirs. —Ohio State Journal.

Frank Dehn and family of Union, Missouri have located in Sikeston.

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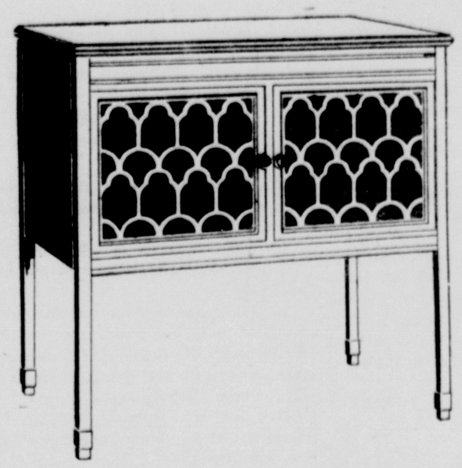

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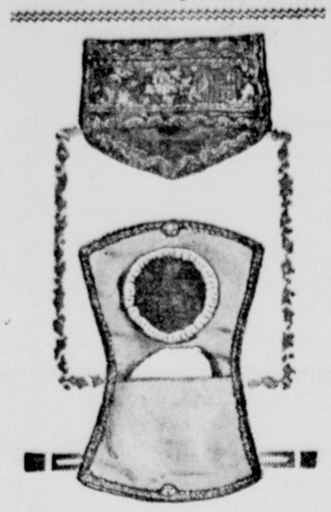


Every Christmas brings its gay new vanity cases, to replace those whose bright careers are finished. Here are two of them, made of black satin, lined with light silk, bound with gold braid and prettily decorated with gold lace and ribbon flowers. A little, attached mirror and a powder puff proclaim their willingness to serve the cause of beauty.

COTTON GROWERS ASSOCIATION NEWS

Owing to the large amount of low grade cotton now being delivered to the market, the Association finds it necessary to make an advance of $50 per bale on bolly cotton. On bales weighing less than 500 pounds the advance is 10 cents a pound. The advance on cotton of good grade remains $70.00 per bale.

The first distribution on this seasons cotton will be mailed from the Little Rock office today. The distribution amounts to over $21,000 to the Missouri members. The total of the distribution sent to Arkansas, Tennessee and Missouri members amounts to over $1,000,000.00.

CHANGE IN MAINTENANCE OF FARM AGENTS URGED

Columbia, Mo., December 12.—A resolution advocating a change in the system of supporting county agricultural extensin agents in the state, whereby it would no longer be necessary for farmers to contribute to teir support, was passed here today at the final session of the annual convention of Missouri County Agents. Officers of the Missouri Farm Bureau Federation also attended the meeting.

The resolution pointed out that the farmers of the state are finding it increasingly burdensome to pay the expense of carrying on their own farm organization work and also share in support of extension work.

Under the present law the expense of the County Agent is borne jointly by the Federal Government and the state and county, the county funds being partly appropriated by the county court and partly supplied by individual farmers.

SANTA CLAUS LETTERS

Dear Santa:

Please bring me some tinker toys and a large box of building blocks and some games. Don't forget sister and John Russell.

CLARENCE FELKER, Jr.

Dear Santa:

Another Christmas will soon be here and I am still in the same old single blessedness. What is the matter with the men, anyway?

MARJORIE

Dear Santa Claus:

You know I am bashful and you know what I most desire. Can't you send me a bottle of "courage giver" that I may ask the momentous question.

FRANK SCHULTE.

Dear Santa:

I have been on the eve of attempting to solve the problem of matrimony for several years, but the lack of a substantial meal ticket held me back. If you can find me a girl who can furnish the meal ticket, I'll do the rest.

REGS.

Santa Claus:

I play no favorites. I like 'em young, I like 'em old, I like 'em hot, I like 'em cold.

ICKY

Dear Santa Claus:

I have almost run my car ragged to find a mamma who would love, honor and obey, but have come to the conclusion that it was all in vain. I could love a rich woman mighty easy.

C. L. B. Jr.

Dear Santa:

You know me, and you know faint heart never won a fair lady, and besides if this is leap year, I'll never ask him.

GRACE

Dear Santa Claus:

Please remember each one in the second grade. Please bring me a blackboard, a pair of roller skates, a pair of kid gloves, a pair of shoes.

MILDRED WILLIAMS.

According to reports from Springfield, where Otto Luchsinger, a youth of Thayer, is a patient in a hospital says Luchsinger is slowly improving from burns received two weeks ago at Thayer when he calmly walked through a burning building to emerge again a mass of flames. The crowd which gathered at the fire did not notice the young man until he walked into the flames and as one side of the building already had collapsed and the remainder was threatening to fall at any moment no one dared attempt to rescue him. He ran through the fire the full length of two rooms and emerged a flaming torch. He was rolled on the ground to extinguish his burning clothing and medical aid was procured. Luchsinger is a son of Clint Luchsinger a rural mail carrier at Thayer. He walked into the fire to demonstrate to the crowd that the "Lord would protect him'. He suffered a stroke of paralysis last January and is a diligent Bible student.—West Plains Gazette.

LOCAL AND PERSONALS FROM MATTHEWS

Mr. and Mrs. George Reed entertained a number of young folks Tuesday evening with a party, complimentary to their son Clifford's 21st birthday. Clifford received a number of very useful and valuable presents. Dainty refreshments were served at a very late hour. The guests departed delaring a most pleasant and entertaining evening spent.

Mathews All Star Basketball boys played a game with the "Gas Tanks" of Fornfelt. The score was 31-14 in favor of Fornfelt.

Mr. and Mrs. Dickerman and little daughter shopped in Sikeston Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Nolen Henderschott and son of Sikeston were Matthews visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Swartz and children were Sikeston visitors Saturday.

L. Deane has sold out on the farm, one-half mile south of town, to Elmer Burch. Mr. Burch and family left two weeks ago and went to Mt. Vernon, where they thought it would be better for Mr. Burch's health, but could not stay. They have come back to "old Mathews.

R. E. Bailey of Sikeston was in Mathews Friday on business.

Coroner D. A. Chiles, Constable W. H. Deane, Wes Depro and Rub Bornhart went to Kewanee Saturday evening, where Coroner Chiles went to hold an inquest over a negro man, who had been burned. The house was supposed to have been set on fire and the negro man burned up while asleep.

Mr. and Mrs. G. D. teele and sons were Cape Girardeau visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gill Brooks and little sons shopped in Sikeston Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Prouty of Sikeston spent the week-end in Matthews with relatives.

Mrs. Jim Lancaster was a Sikeston visitor Saturday.

There will be a Xmas tree and program at White Oak School No. 2 on Monday, Decmeber 22. Everybody is cordially invited to attend. Old Santa Claus will be there with presents for all who have been real good.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Lurmit and little daughter and Miss Frankie Deane of New Madrid spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Deane.

Mesdames J. A. Weatherford and Tom Holderby went to Cape Girardeau Wednesday on business.

Mrs. Clarence Hunott was a Sikeston visitor Saturday.

There will be a Xmas tree and a program at Noxall school Tuesday, December 23rd. Everybody is invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Latimer visited relatives in Marston Sunday.

The streets are being graded and new culberts are being put in.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Story and sons, and Mr. and Mrs. J. R. King andchildren atended the moving picture show in Sikeston Tuesday.

Miss Bess Hill of St. Louis is visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roe Hill.

The stores are certainly a scene of holiday joys. People need not go away from Matthews to Xmas shop. Everything you could imagine is to be found here. The brick store owned by J. W. Emory is equal, if not superior to some of the stores in the larger mities as to the Xmas decorations and displays. You will also find the prices very reasonable.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Carroll and Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Swartz attended a card party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Riley in Lilbourn Saturday night.

L. Deane and daughter Miss Marie were Sikeston visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hunott and little son were Sikeston visitors Saturday.

CAIRO MADE NORTHERN TERMINAL FOR BARGES

Cairo, Ill., December 14.—Cairo has become the northern terminal for the Federal Barge Line for the remainder of the winter.

The equipment of the East St. Louis Terminal reached Cairo and will be put into operation Monday doubling the capacity of the local plants.

This equipment includes the two warehouses and track barges and the floating cranes.

The Cairo Terminal now is the largest floating terminal in the world, with the addition of the East t. Louis equipment.

The terminal was moved south when cold weather began to fill the upper Mississippi River with ice and threaten navigation farther north on this river than airo, from where navigation is open to New Orleans the entire way.

With winter well under way and the rivers north of Cairo filling with ice, Cairo is becoming the northern terminal for other steamboat companies.

Towing of grain south from Cairo wil be begun the first of the year by the West Kentucky Coal Company, it was announcel today by R. E. Vennum, transportation manager of the company.

The first trip will be made by the tow boat Charles F. Richadson, when she will take a cargo of 4000 tons of wheat from Cairo to New Orleans. he will be operated in a regular trade betwen Cairo and New Orleans.

The Richardson will make her first trip early in January, Mr. Vennum stated.

Rain measuring 4½ inches fell during a thunderstorm which broke over Kensington, London, on June 16, 1917. Other parts of the metropolis were not affected.

In honor of her re-election to Parliament women admirers of Lady Astor have presented her with a solid silver coach and six horses a replica of the coach of the Lord Mayor of London.

The American Jewish Year Book just out, reveals that New York has one and a half million Jews. Chicago is next with 225,000. The most densely populated Jewish section is the Bronx.

Lady Richmond Brown, English woman explorer, crack shot and expert fisherwoman, will lead an expedition into British Honduras to seek Maya treasure. In order that she may have the opportunity to hunt at her leisure, she has taken a 20-year lease on 70,000 acres.

Mrs. Allen Mocabee of Morehouse was a visitor in Sikeston Tuesday.

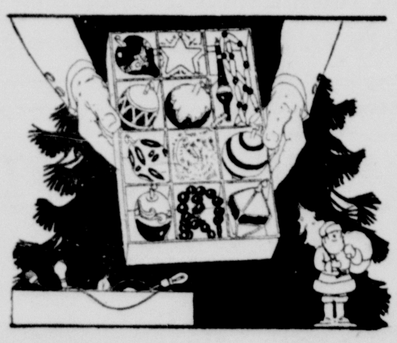
Out of every three boys at London County Council Schools, two have learned to swim. Among the girls the proportion is one in three.

A gigantic club for business girls is to be erected right in the heart of London and will be operated as a social center where any business girl or woman can go for rest, recreation and meals.

Women of Great Britain are claimed to have the best colored and finest quality of hair.

More than half of the population of Newfoundland gain their livelihood by catching and curing fish.

An insurance policy for $300,000 has been taken out on the life of an American woman who manages a large shop in Chicago. This is claimed to be the largest sum secured on a woman's life.



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CHRISTMAS VESPERS AT METHODIST CHURCH

The following program will be given Sunday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock at the Methodist Church to which all are invited:

Scripture and Invocation
Rev. Mather

Piano and organ—
Kriegsmarsch der Priester from Altiala

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Vocal Solo—
Silent Night .....Franz Gruber
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Mr. Wm. Rushing

Carols—
Sleep Holy Babe
.....Alexander Matthews
O Holy Night .....Adolphe Adam
Mesdames Van Horne, Mather, Burns, Misses Hess, Smith. Brinkopf

Vocal Solo—
Glory to God .....Augusto Rotoli
Mrs. Green Lescher

Violin obb. .....Mr. Wm. Rushing

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Mr. and Mrs. John Fisher and Mrs. Ada Lennox were Cairo visitors Tuesday.

R. E. Bailey spent Wednesday in Cape Girardeau attending to business.

Miss Kate Mocabee of Morehouse was in Sikeston Tuesday visiting her sister, Mrs. Earl Malone and family.

STRAYED—Bay mule, 15 hands high, holds head high, had harness on when last seen. Notify Elisha Johnson, Sikeston, Mo. 2tpd.

Shower For Mrs. Walker

A miscelleanous shower was given for Mrs. Russell Walker Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Alfred Inman with Mrs. Bess Fulkerson as hostess. The gifts and their donors are: Mrs. Alfred Inman, percolator; Pearl Ward, Pyrex dish; Alfreda Denton, aluminum cake pan; Frances Clodfelter, bath towel; Mrs. Jake Sutton and Evelyn, aluminum pan; Mrs. Crutchfield, Lillie and Pearl, aluminum double cooker; Myrtle Andrews, breakfast cap; Mrs. Pete Daughter, aluminum cake pan; Abbie Morrison, candle stick holders; Mrs. M. Anderson, muffin pans; Mrs. Morrison, aluminum pan; Rosa Proudy, crum tray set; Mrs. Ruth Fowler, tea pot; Mrs. Faye Porter, salt and pepper set; Addie James, flower basket; Mrs. Bess Fulkerson, sugar and cream; Mary Malone, table linen and mixing bowls; Maudie Walker silver salt and pepper set; Hazel Weekly, linen towel; Mrs. Nancy Farmer, bud vase; Mrs. Frank Moody, bath towel; Alma Manor, dresser scarf; Myra Mitchell, linen towel; Mrs. A. Sellards, bath towel; Elizabeth Keasler, table linen; Mrs. Amos Buchanan, bath towel; Miss Zelma Hanks, aluminum pans; Bertie Bourland, linen towel; Mrs. J. H. Inman, bath towel, Lavina Boardman, bath towel set; Jewell Twitty, bath towel; Mrs. Lige Inman, bath towel.

Out-door gifts for the boys.—Farmers Supply Co.

Miss Alma Harris arrived in this city this week from St. Louis to spend the Christmas Holidays with homefolks.

Elvie Day, 11 years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Day living north of McMullin, passed away Wednesday, December 17, after a short illness resulting from blood poisoning. The blood poisoning was caused from a shoe rubbing her heel, causing a blister, which became infected. The funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at 1:00 o'clock at the Catholic Church, Father Woods officiating. Interment at the City Cemetery.

JUG OF WHITE MULE FOUND BY OFFICERS

Last Thursday night officers were tipped off that whiskey might be found at the home of Ira Ragsdale, near the Scott County Mill, towards the Frisco station.

Deputy Sheriff Burks, Chief of Polic Kendall and Officers Noblin and Tinsley, with a search warrant, appeared at the house and demanded admittance. Ragsdale and his wife are separated and Mrs. Ragsdale and son, Virgil Orr, were at home, and denied the knowledge of any liquor being on the premises. Mrs. Ragsdale was sitting on the feather bed and Burks asked her to get up and let him search the bed. She flirted the covers around and wadded them up in a pile telling the officers they could see nothing was concealed in the bed. Burks unwound the bunch of covers and found underneath a gallon jug and in the jug about half a gallon of white mule. The whiskey was warm as though just made, but Burks said the woman had been siting on the jug so long that it got hot.

Both Mrs. Ragsdale and son, Virgil Orr, were arrested and given a hearing before Justice Dill, who bound them over for a further hearing.

Roasters.—Farmers Supply Co.

M. Q. Tanner was down from St. Louis to spend last week-end with his family.

M. M. Beck, local manager of the light plant, will entertain the employes at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Brenton on North Ranney street Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock. This will be a Christmas party and get-together meeting.

About 1:00 o'clock Tuesday morning the fire truck was called to the Meyer Bros. Cotton Gin. The fire started in their storage room where quite a bit of cotton was stored. All the cotton was destroyed and considerable damage was done to the inside of the building before the firemen were able to extinguish the flames.

NEGRO KILLS 1, HURTS THREE, THEN IS SLAIN

Deering, Mo., Dec. 17.—One man was shot and instantly killed and three others were seriously wounded by Andrew Simmons, a negro, who entered the store of the Wisconsin Lumber Company here today, with a revolver in each hand and opened fire without warning. The negro was later shot to death by a deputy sheriff.

Dow Edgerton, aged 24, bookkeeper of the store, was shot through the head and died within a few minutes. Claude Kinsaw, clerk, and Harold Norton and W. L. Anchlin, customers in the store, were then attacked by the negro. Kinsaw and Norton were taken to a hospital at Cape Girardeau, and it was said that Kinsaw was not expected to survive the night.

After the negro had shot Edgerton, Kinsaw and Norton, he ran from the store, meeting Anchlin on the sidewalk. He began beating Anchlin over the head with the butt end of a revolver. Deputy Sheriff Brachlor shot the negro to death from an office window nearby.

A 6-year-old girl, the only witness to the tragedy in the store, who escaped injury, was able to tell officers of the shooting, but her story cast no light on the cause for the negro's act. It is said that the only person who can possibly explain the negro's motives is Kinsaw, who has been unabe to speak since he was shot.

The negro had been empoyed for 10 years as a meat cutter in the store. Officers believe that he had recently quarreled with either Edgerton or Kinsaw.

When asked last night, as he sat in front of the store, if "the day's work was done", Simmons is said to have answered, "No and it won't be until I find the man I am after".

On leaving home this morning the negro told his wife he would not return.

He entered the store from the rear, with a revolver in each hand. Edgerton, who was standing in front of the safe, was the first victim. Without uttering a word, the negro opened fire, and Edgerton fell with a bullet in the head. Kinsaw, who was standing at the cash register, behind a counter, was shot in the head and as he fell to the floor the negro came up to him and fired another bullet, which entered Kinsaw's body. Norton, a customer, was shot twice, and the negro then ran out of the front of the store.

Anchlin, who stood on the sidewalk, attempted to stop Simmons. The negro tried to shoot, but the pistol misfired. He then began beating Anchlin over the head with one of the revolvers.

A few feet away, Deputy Sheriff Brachlor, who had heard the shots, stood in his office window and fired a shot over the negro's head to draw him away from Anchlin. The ruse succeeded and the negro started toward the window with pistols leveled. The deputy then shot the negro to death.

Edgerton is survived by a widow and a 2-weeks-old baby.

Mrs. Edgerton is the youngest sister of Mrs. Ed Green of Sikeston who is now in Deering with her sister. Mr. Green will attend the funeral which will take place Friday afternoon.

TOM BUGG INDICTED FOR BANK ROBBERY

Judge Kelly called a special session of the grand jury Wednesday to act on some information given by one of the Vanduser bank robbers.

After witnesses was heard a true bill was brought against Tom Bugg for complicity in the last Vanduser hold-up.

He was placed under a $11,000 bond to appear at the next term of Circuit Court. He is under $5000 bond in an old case pending in Court.

One of the men in jail at Benton turned Bugg to the officials.

Tools for the man who enjoys tinkering.—Farmers Supply Co.

The small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Zacher is reported to be quite ill.

Mrs. Jennie Beckwith and John Schinler of Cairo were visitors in Sikeston Tuesday.

Mesdames Harry Dover, Loomis Mayfield, W. A. Anthony, Earl Johnson and Clarence Felker were visitors in Cairo, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Young, Miss Josephine Robinson and Mrs. Chas. Penny of Poplar Bluff spent the first of the week in St. Louis.

Welcome To This Christmas Store

Where you will find everything in tune with the Spirit of Christmas. Stocks conveniently arranged so that you may do your Christmas shopping with the least expenditure of time, effort and money. You will welcome the even greater than usual care with which we will help you find the items you have in mind for filling your gift list. It is our desire that your choice never be hurried by us, but we are equally anxious that we do everything we can to aid in making your visit here an enjoyable and profftable one. We could give a list which might prove of assistance in making a list of the gifts you desire to give, but we could not consider it a complete list of the gift items ready for your choice here. There are many and all sensible.

Phone us for your Grocery and Meat needs for Christ- and we will deliver them.

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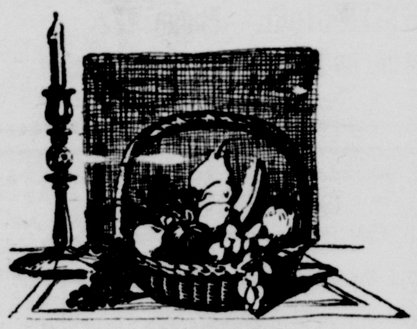
Delicious Christmas Fruit



As a dessert for your Christmas dinner or to serve as a light lunch to Christmas callers, fruit cannot be surpassed. An assorted basket is a delightful gift to send to a friend.

We suggest the following as an aid to your Christmas table: English Walnuts, Cocoanuts, Pecans, Hazelnuts, Brazil Nuts, Hickory Nuts, Almonds—both shelled and in the shell.

Bananas, Grapes, Oranges, Lemons, Apples, Pears, Grapefruit, Tangerines, Raisins, Citron, Dates, Figs.

Cigars, Cigarettes, Tobaccos

Plum Puddings, Fig Puddings, Fruit Cakes, Candies, Candied Fruits, Lettuce, Celery, Cranberries, Cauliflower, all fresh vegetables, Christmas Trees.

We have a beautiful selection of sensible gifts.

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SUTTON BROTHERS

LOCAL AND PERSONALS FROM MATTHEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Lancaster and children motored to Morley Sunday to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Deane and little daughter were Sikeston visitors Monday.

Mrs. Frank Ratcliff, who is at Mt. Vernon for her health, spent from Saturday until Tuesday here visiting her husband and two little girls.

W. H. Deane went to Sikeston on business, Tuesday.

Mrs. James Lancaster was a Sikeston visitor Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Holderby were New Madrid visitors Tuesday.

Little Earl Taylor is on the sick list this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Colbon were New Madrid visitors Wednesday.

Joe Stubbs of Sikeston had business in Matthews, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Gossit and children visited relatives in Sikeston Sunday.

Matthews All Stars went to Canalou Tuesday evening to play a game of basketball. The score was 49 to 14 in favor of Canalou.

Mrs. James Koglin and Mrs. John Smith of Canalou were Matthews visitors Tuesday.

Miss Regina Garner has been on the sick list.

Misses Emma and Myrtle Henderschott of near Kewanee visited with their aunt ,Mrs. Thos. Holderby, Saturday.

J. A. Weatherford and Homer Lancaster went to Sikeston Monday, on business.

Saturday night, December 20, will be long remembered in the history of Matthews High School, since it will be the time that the patrons will witness the first high school play given in the new auditorium. Seven hundred hand bills of the play have been ordered printed and will be scattered far and wide. Four hundred spectators are expected to be present and arrangements are being made to stretch the capacity of the house. You'll always be mad at yourself if you fail to hear this striking Western Comedy Drama. The troubles and sorrows of Little Josephine are interspersed with sparkling comdey by the two negro servants. You'll admire the big-hearted Mr. Roberts and wonder at the schemes invented by his wife. And you're sure to smile broadly and deep at the girl-shy foreman of the camp, who is in love so deeply that he can't express any of it.

Misses Myra Tanner and Pauline Graham spent last week-end in Cape Girardeau.

Bill Sikes and E. J. Keith were in Kewanee Wednesday looking after business matters.

The best place to supply your Christmas gift wants reasonable.—Famers Snpply Co.

Miss Carrie Schriefer will leave on Friday for Elorado, Ill., where she will spend the Christmas holidays with homefolks.

NEGRO HELD UP ROBBED OF $45.00

Thursday morning about 10:00 a negro man by the name of Poindexter, working at the Meyer Bros, gin, was held up by Henry Walker and another negro named Clarence St. Clair and robbed of $45 in cash.

After the negroes took the money they ran and Poindexter called for help. James Mocabee who was nearby, responded and caught one of the negroes, while two yohng men who were unloading hay nearby, gave chase, and after so long a time ran the other negro down. No money was found on either of the negroes, but a search near the Penecostal Church was made an four ten dollar bills were found in the weeds.

A hearing will be given the robbers shortly.

Many beautiful and serviceable Christmas gifts at the Farmers Supply Hardware Department.

Ruskin McCoy left Thursday afternoon for Clayton, where he was called on account of the death of his wife's father, Mr. Ruhl.

A couple of Sikeston football players got "turned around" while in St. Louis last Saturday. They could not locate a street car line that led in the direction they thought they wanted to go, so walked, and walked, until they covered forty city blocks before they located the union depot. Gene says he was not very tired, but Pochi was about all in.

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EVERSHARP PENCILS AND PENS
The Gift Shop
DERRIS, THE DRUGGIST

The Standard wishes to issue a solemn warning to negro slickers, and other negro law breakers, that they had better move back South or mend their ways. The jail is now full of negro loafers who would just as lieve be in jail as out, and we are strong in favor of the citizens of the community doing some regulating themselves. Fifty licks with a black snake on a black back would let them know to behave or leave. There are a number of law abiding negroes here and in this vicinity and they should see that the bad negroes leave or do better.

Wm. Buesching of New Madrid was a business visitor in Sikeston Thursday.

We are very sorry to learn that Mrs. Nettie Barnes is quite ill with pneumonia.

Rapid strides are being made towards putting a top dressing on the south road between Sikeston and New Madrid and by the first of January it will be entirely completed. The maintenance department of the State Highway will keep this in first class condition until the concrete road is laid in 1926.

Why An Editorial Column?

"The journalist who does nothing but paddle along with public opinion, without breasting the current of popular error, is of no value—none whatever'.—James M. Goodhue.' Commenting on this statement of that versatile newspaper publisher, Will Curtis, former treasurer of the National Editorial Association, says:

"Every newspaper worthy of the name should aspire to be of the utmost service and help to its community. It can only do this if it directs the thought of the community and helps to crystallize public sentiment on worthy objects.

"The editor cannot make himself a force for good in the community unless he expresses his convictions through his paper.

"It is through the editorial column that he gives character to the paper.

"Papers with an outstanding editorial policy that are fair in their editorials, clear and able on the issues before the people, do wield an influence over other editors, and in that way multiply their power for good.

"The editor of the country weekly, because he is known to a great majority of his readers, has the rare opportunity to be a leader for all that is good in his community. If he would measure up to what is expected of him, if he would be the power for good that he should be in his community, he will make his impress every week in the editorial column of his paper".

Farmers Take Notice

Five years ago, one Montana range that served about 20 stockmen had almost that many kinds of beef stock; their calves were piebald, mongrel brutes that always brought the bottom prices—where there were any calves to sell. Then the ranchers got together, bought several carloads of pedigreed Hereford bulls, and sold off or shot the other breeding stock. The result has been a 100-per-cent increase in the calf crop; a 100-per-cent increase in the finished steer price; and the ranchers need no laws to make them money. The plan of standardizing fruit, grain, livestock or poultry production for any locality, is the road to financial salvation.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil C. Reed were down from Benton Thursday for a visit with homefolks.

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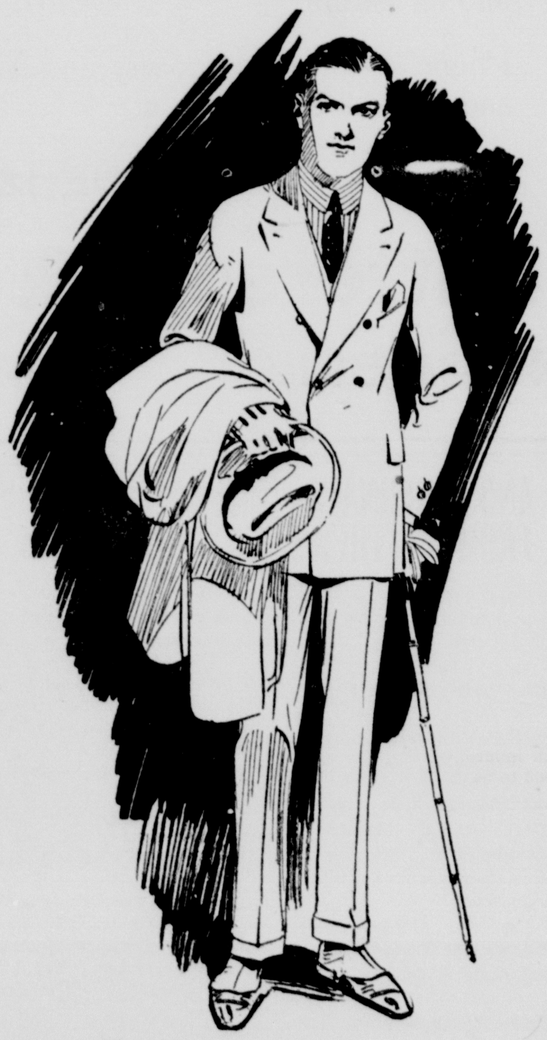

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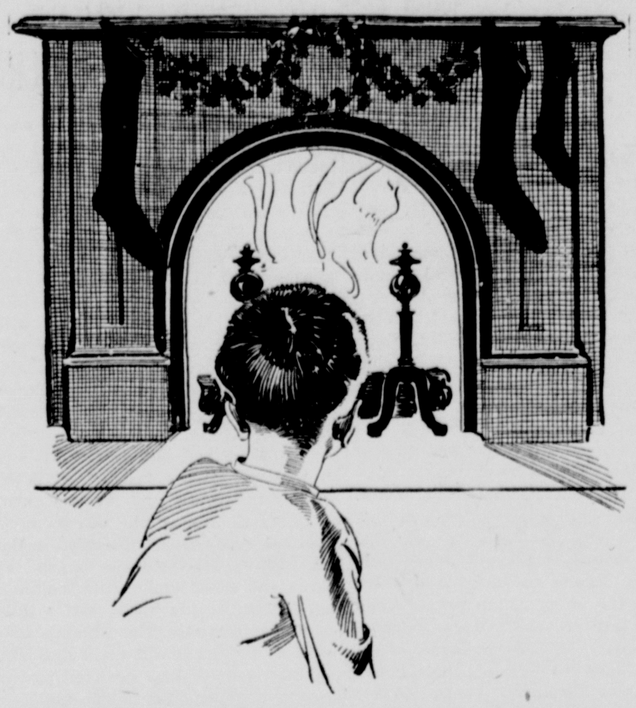
Suggestions For the Christmas Shopper
From S. E. Missouri's Best Hardware and Grocery Store

Items For The Christmas Table

Christmas Trees
English Walnuts
Cocoanuts
Pecans
Filberts
Brazil Nuts
Almonds
Bananas
Grapes
Oranges
Lemons
Apples
Pears
Grape Fruit
Tangerines
Raisins
Citron
Cigars
Cigarettes
Tobaccos

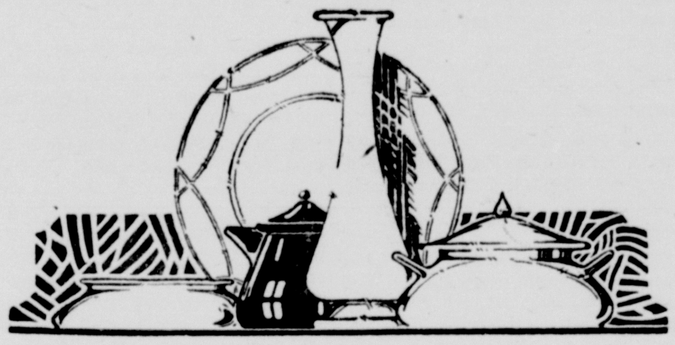


Items For Christmas Gifts

Electrical appliances
Bicycles
Velocipedes
Wagons
Carving Sets
Pocket Knives
Footballs
Tool Chests
Tinker Toys
Silverware, Community
Pyrex Ware
Aluminum Ware
Thermos Bottles
Cigarette Cases
Shot Guns and Rifles
Cut Glass
Flash Lights
Boxing Gloves for the boys
Jacobean Twist Candles, all colors

CHOOSE FROM OUR SHOWING

Plum Puddings
Fig Puddings
Fruit Cakes
Candies
Hickory Nuts
Celery
Hostess Cakes—all flavors
Cauliflower
Dates
Candied Fruits
Lettuce
Cranberries
Figs



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Visit our store and see the many wonderful values we are offering to the Christmas shopper.

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CORRESPONDENCE FROM MOREHOUSE

Miss Laura Mae Murphy, teacher of the Cline school, of the Morehouse school system, will present a Christmas program Saturday evening. There will be numerous piece including a short play. Judging from the buzz and the bustle among the students they mean to show a creditable entertainment. And there will be candy and Yuletide cheer distributed.

The Ymcie Sunday School class played the Morley Athletic Association a basketball game Tuesday night taking a beautiful beating of 26 to 19. Everyone who saw the game said it was a clean, fast and excellent game. Credit is due to the players of both sides for their skill and good sportsmanship.

Miss Prudence Sarff, Mrs. Hazel Wallace and Mrs. Thelma Mocabee, teaching the primary grades, presented a fairy play with fairies playing. The play was long, difficult, but admirably executed. The little youngsters entertained the large crowd from start to finish. Following this the high school glee club and entertainers made the gymnasium vibrate with the good cheer of the season.

The Morehouse girls' and boys' basketball teams will battle their old formidable foe the Madrid Buglers, on the local court Friday night.

The Afternoon Bridge Club met at the home of Mrs. L. I. Gray, Wednesday afternoon. Those present were Mesdames D. L. Fisher, Josephine Hart, J. W. Sarff, Ed Hindman, R. M. Beinert, John Himmelberger, E. L. Fisher, Glenn Fisher, Bryce Edward, W. O. Mason and I. H. Dunaway.

A fire broke out in the Morehouse Stave Company mill Tuesday night. It was quickly extinguished without much damage being done.

Mrs. Fred Smith and Mrs. Alice Clark spent Wednesday shopping in Poplar Bluff.

Mrs. John Himmelberger visited in Cape Girardeau Tuesday.

Paul H. Teal, Supervisor of the Sixth District of Missouri, who lives just west of Morehouse, announces that there are 110 enumerators in the district, seven in New Madrid and six in Scott County. On account of the large increase in tenant farming brought about by the growing of cotton, it is expected that the total number of farms in this region will be about twice those reporting in 1920. D. A. Chiles of Matthews in enumerating the east half of district 46, comprising Hough, East and part of Big Prairie twp. John Meyers of Sikeston is working the Sandy Ridge and Sandy Woods and Richland twps. Mrs. R. E. Edwards is taking the census for west and part of Big Prairie twp.

Notice of Administration

Notice Is Hereby Given, That Letters of Administration on the estate of Thomas M. Bloomfield, deceased, were granted to the undersigned on the 9th day of December, 1924, by the Probate Court of Scott County, Missouri.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance within six months after the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such state; and if such claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of said letters, they shall be forever barred.

ZADA A. BLOOMFIELD,
Administratrix.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the (SEAL) Probate Court of Scott County.

THOS. B. DUDLEY,
Probate Judge.

FOR SALE—The Louis Hinkle farm about six miles southeast of Sikeston consisting of 320 acres and improvements, all in a high state of cultivation. Reasonable terms will be granted. 1 issue 4w.

The Standard $1.50, per year.

Gift for the Baby

When Mister Baby takes his place at the table a bib of some kind becomes a necessity. Here is one that will please him. It may be made of unbleached cotton, white oilcloth or linen cut in the semblance of a rabbit. Oilcloth may be painted, but usually cotton floss is used to outline the features and the edges of the figure.

Two years ago, hte county agricultural agent of Umatilla county, Oreg., made inquiry in regard to sources of pure seed of Jenkin Club wheat and ascertained through the county agent in Latah County, Idaho, that it could be obtained there. Accordingly a carload of Latah County strain of Jenkin Club wheat was purchased by growers in Umatilla County, Oreg. Evidence of the spread of influence of this shipment is seen in the fact that there was grown in Umatilla County this year 20,000 acres of Jenkin Club wheat, at least 18,000 acres of which is of the Latah County strain. This is an interesting example of variety standardization work that is a marked feature of agricultural extension work in the Northwestern States.

Bank of Wyatt, Mo., Closed

Jefferson City, Dec. 17.—The State Finance Department today took over the fortieth bank under State supervision to fail since January 1. The bank was the Wyatt Bank of Wyatt, Mississippi County, which was closed by order of its directors. The telegram sent to the department today by William A. Wyatt, vice president, did not give the cause of closing, but urged that a bank examiner be sent at once to take charge.

The last statement of condition filed by the bank, June 30, last, showed a capital of $25,000, but bills payable $62,000 an unusually large amount for the size of the bank. It listed one item showing expenses were $9.70 in excess of profits. Deposits totaled $42,941.70 and a surplus of $5000 was claimed. Loans, aggregating $120,848.40, were listed. J. W Hawkins is president of the bank William A. Wyatt, vice president and O. T. Dalton, cashier.

Tax-Exempts Burden Industries

An issue of Salem, Oregon, tax exempt improvement bonds, bearing 6 per cent, sold for a premium of more than one year's interest during life of bond. Similar bonds bring approximately equal prices.

Tax-free bonds are large enough in volume to make it difficult to secure money for industrial investments, and they abnormally increase rates for money for farms, for factories and business. Being tax-free, they leave the burden of national, state and community support on operating industries thus enforcing a double penalty. The theory and practice is wrong.

Judge Julius Misfeldt of Cape Girardeau was a Sikeston visitor Thursday and paid The Standard a visit. He reports the cotton on his big farm near Diehlstadt as being fair.

MISSOURI WEEKLY INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Altenburg—Road to be improved betwen this place and Wittenburg.

Trenton—New concrete road opened to traffic west of here.

St. Louis—Three carloads of butter shipped to New York markets.

Wyaconda—Wyaconda Produce Co. erecting large cold storage plant.

Kansas City—Contract let for construction of six additional stories to Argyle building, at Twelfth and McGee streets.

Garden City—Dairying industry shows increase in Cass county, according to Blue Valley Creamery Institute.

Sedalia—New Pettis county courthouse nearing completion.

Branson—Tobacco market to be established here for operation commencing January 1.

Hollister—Good crop of hickory nuts reported in this vicinity.

Centropolis—Plans formulating for establishment of new banking institution in place of reorganizing defunct Centropolis bank.

Joplin—Joplin National Bank installing new vaults.

Monett—Frisco railroad to build spur from Wightman switch to Bricefield mines distance of 9 miles.

Excelsion Springs—Elks to dedicate new home soon.

Fayette—Contract let for paving 12 miles of highway in Howard county.

Blythedale—New school building dedicated.

Kansas City—Work started on construction of 32-apartment hotel building on east Eleventh street.

Emma Goldman denounces the Red regime in Russia, preparatory to an effort to return to our country.

LOST—$25.00 REWARD

Leather Suit Case, between Lilbourn, Mo. and New Madrid, on State Highway No. 9, Friday, December 12th. Will pay above reward for the return on suit case and contents. Contents consisted of five ladies dresses, one beaded purse and some Christmas presents.

W. S. WATERS,
New Madrid, Mo.

Vernon Skillman spent the weekend in St. Louis.

For Mah Jongg Table

The requirements of mah jongg are met by this tablet-and-pencil set, in which the tablet is covered with black oilcloth, with adornment of painted flowers and lettering in vivid colors. The pencil is white with a band in black and tiny flowers—to match the tablet. Long ribbons attached provide a means of mooring it.

Belated Modesty

The country has received a satisfactory thrill from the announcement made by the American Federation of Labor that it will keep out of politics will not support a Third Party and will remain strictly nonpartisan.

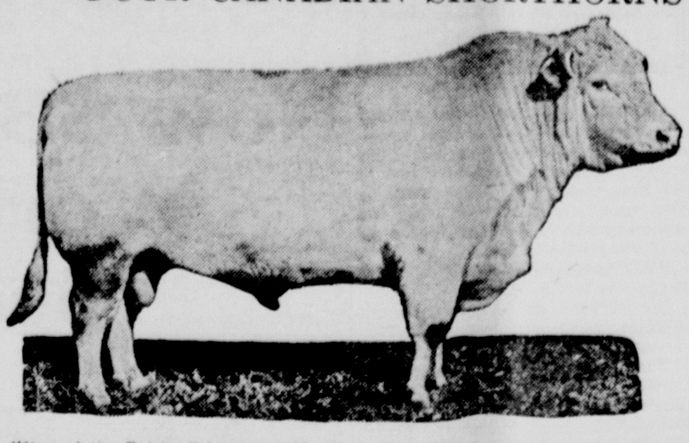
These clever but somewhat meaningless declarations bobbed up repeatedly at the El Paso convention and were given a halo of sincerity in the form of solemn resolutions that the National Labor Council, that dictates policies of American Federation, would be good and modest and not undertake to run state or national politics.

The public generally will take all these protestations of humility with a grain of salt, knowing it has been the habit of these leaders to jump into the political arena at any time and offer to take charge of state or national affairs.

The November election was such a condemnation of bloc. class and special interest politics that belated modesty of any class organization seems too much like a compulsory flare of virtue assumed for the time being.

The Standard $1.50, per year.

PRINCE OF WALES EXHIBITED FOUR CANADIAN SHORTHORNS



'King of the Fairies," Imported Shorthorn Bull Which Is Heading the Prince of Wales' Herd on His "E. P." Ranch, High River, Alberta, Canada.

The prince of Wales exhibited four Shorthorn cattle from his "E. P." ranch, High River, Alberta, at the International Live Stock exposition in Chicago. Although the prince only started his herd four years ago, it has already won fame at the Canadian shows and he was willing to pit his animals against the best in the world at Chicago.

This quartette was headed by the white herd bull, "King of the Fairies," which the prince imported last year and included the outstanding animal, "Princeton Rosewood." The other two entries were recently sold at an auction held on the ranch during the Prince's visit and were exhibited in the names of their new owners, as a demonstration of what is being accomplished on the "E. P." ranch.

One of these, the nine-month-old bull calf, "Princeton Enthusiast," was purchased for $775, the top sale of the auction, by Maj. Gordon W. Lilley, Pawnee, Okla., better known as "Pawnee Bill," after being undefeated in his class at the Western Canada fair this summer. The other animal now belongs to H. Morison of Lacombe, Alberta, who paid $350 for this white two-year-old heifer, "Princeton Countess."

The "E. P." ranch lies south of Calgary in a great grain and stock country, famous for many years back as the location of some celebrated ranches of which the "Bar U" is one. The rolling foothills of the Rockies form the western horizon of this section. Manager W. L. Carlyle has imported some splendid Shorthorns for the "E. P." ranch and is breeding up a herd in which the royal rancher takes great pride. Hampshire and Shropshire sheep are also being raised.

Sparrow Is Blamed for Spreading New Disease

A new count has been found in the indictment against the English sparrow. Not only is he noisy, filthy, and pugnacious, but he sometimes harbors a parasite and spreads infection to other birds.

That this parasite may also affect chickens and turkeys, a fact which seems never to have been noted before, is reported by Dr. W. A. Riley of the division of entomology and economic zoology and Dr. H. C. H. Kernkamp of the division of veterinary medicine, University of Minnesota, who examined infested chickens from a flock raised on the shore of Lake Minnetonka and turkeys from a farm near Vining, Ottertail county.

The university men found that the fowls were infested with a parasitic worm which lives in tumors or cysts about the size of buckshot on the skin, these tumors being more numerous near the vent and extending up over the body and on the legs. While there is no evidence that the health of infested fowls will suffer materially, the presence of the tumors will undoubtedly lessen the market value of poultry.

"The parasite has been known in Europe for more than 100 years as occurring in song birds and has been reported a few times on wild birds in this country," says Doctor Riley, "but was never known to be on poultry."

Keep Cabbage in Cellar at Proper Temperature

Cabbage keeps best at a temperature slightly above freezing from 38 to 40 degrees Fahrenheit. Many cellars are too warm for cabbage and when it is to be stored in large amounts the best method is the outside pit. When the cellar is kept at the desired temperature the best way of keeping the cabbage in it is to bury the heads in boxes of sand. Only the good, solid heads should be stored. They should be pulled when they reach a good size but not left until very large. The late varieties should be stored as they keep better than others.

Farm Hints

Push the pullets for heavy egg production.

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Be sure to supply plenty of green feed through the winter to your birds.

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Put all machinery in the shed so it will be in good condition to use next year.

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"New occasions teach new duties," says Lowell, and that is true in farming as elsewhere.

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The soy bean furnishes probably the best balanced protein which we have in the vegetable kingdom.

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The good corn farmer does not plant nubbins. Why should the fruit grower buy scrub trees to set an orchard?

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Too many farmers still do not realize that the experiment stations and agricultural colleges exist largely to save costly mistakes and long experience struggles by farmers.

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Silage will lower the cost of the ration, make sure a profit from live stock, and greatly increase the value of the crops. As a rule, a silo will pay for itself the first year. What other farm investment will pay 100 per cent? Competition now demands economical feeding.

Properly Prepared Poultry for Market

Fowls Should Be Confined Few Days and Fed Mash.

Poultry that are hastily caught up and taken to market before they are properly prepared for market will prove unsatisfactory both to the dealer and consumer, according to O. A. Barton, poultry specialist of the North Dakota Agricultural college.

"The poultry should be confined to close quarters and fed a wet mash of pancake batter for from ten days to two weeks," he says. "Cockerels taken care of in this manner will show a gain of from 20 to 35 per cent and will be in much better market condition, thus demanding a better price.

"Equal quantities of wheat, oats and corn or wheat, oats and barley, ground fine and wet with either buttermilk or sour milk makes a good fattening ration. Use one pound of ground feed and two pounds of milk. If milk is not available, add 15 to 20 per cent of meat scraps or tankage to the ground feed and wet with water, using one and one-half pounds of water to one pound of ground feed. This should be fed three times daily, but only what will be consumed in ten to fifteen minutes.

"If cull hens are not in good condition it is a good idea to feed them the same ration. Turkeys need to be grown out well before attempting to finish them for the market. Access to sour milk and dry mash of the ground feed mentioned will help materially to develop the birds."

Conditions Required to Store Roots for Winter

The three conditions necessary for successfully storing root crops are, good ventilation, freedom from dampness and a temperature just above the freezing point. A cool cellar is the most convenient place but outside pits may be used if necessary. Bins in the barn where the temperature does not vary too much may also be used. From 20 to 30 pounds of beets make a good feed for a dairy cow. Since they are low in protein, other feeds should be furnished to provide this important part of the ration. A ration of beets with alfalfa or clover hay may be fairly satisfactory, but if the hay is not of good quality, some narrow ratio concentrate like bran or oil meal must be added.

Correct Proportion of Alfalfa to Feed Pigs

Not more than 5 per cent of a pig's ration should consist of ground alfalfa. If made to eat more than that he will not gain as rapidly as without it. The best way to feed alfalfa to pigs is in the form of hay. However, sometimes they will not eat it in that form and when the ration is such that they ought to have some of it, it should be ground and mixed with the feed. Allow the pigs to balance their own ration by letting them help themselves from a self-feeder.

Fix Drain for Silo

There is considerable difference of opinion among dairy experts as to whether a silo should or should not have a concrete floor and drain. Thousands of silos are in use and giving satisfactory service without a concrete floor, while many good dairy men think that a concrete floor and drain is an advantage. If the soil underneath will permit liquid to be absorbed, then a hole in the floor is all that is needed in the way of a drain.

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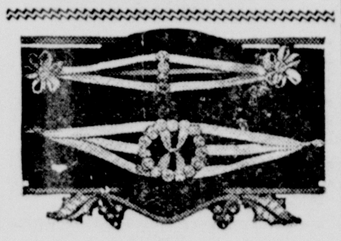

The most fashionable of pretty headbands, for evening wear, are those made of narrow silver ribbons, adorned with rosettes or tiny roses of the same.

BUBONIC PLAGUE AMONG RATS AT NEW ORLEANS

Washington, Dec. 17.—Request for an immediate appropriation of $275,000 to be used in controlling a reported outbreak of bubonic plague among rats at New Orleans and vicinity was forwarded to Congress today by the Treasury Department.

Acting Surgeon-General White said tonight that the outbreak, as reported to the Public Health Service, was confined to rats. No human cases, he emphasized, have been reported, and the appropriation was sought merely to enable experts to get to work immediately upon experimentation of the disease among the animals.

The money, Congress was informed, would be placed at the command of the public health service which on December 4, first received a report, the communcation sent to Speaker Gillett said that there was evidence of bubonic plague at New Orleans.

Control of the outbreak, it was declared, involves immediate trapping of rodents in suspected areas, suppression of disease among lower animals and the inspection and fumigation of all outgoing vessels to comply with international requirements.

Santa's Novel Dolls

Santa Claus has been cordially invited by millions of little girls to pay his annual visit and bring along a new doll. He has asked their mother to help him stock up with up-to-date dollies that are washable. Here is one of them—little Red Riding Hood—all of red oil cloth, except her head, which must be bought.

Marion McFarland, south of Sikeston, gives credit to his hens and cows for helping his farm break even this time.

Mrs. Charles Penny returned to Poplar Bluff Thursday morning, after a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Harry Young and family.

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The rains fell and the winds bl in the most Biblical manner winter came after its usual fashi The chimney settled a little there was a tiny crack.

One morning the woman woke with fire all about her. She tried get to her children. If she got them, no one ever knew it. The g citizen who built the house was arrested for manslaughter. He still building other houses of same kind for other women and c dren.

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Suggestions on Feeding Forage

Mistake to Leave Animals in Fields Until Crops Are Cleaned Up.

A mistake often made when crops are harvested by turning live stock in on them is to turn feeder stock into the fields and to leave the animals there until the fields are entirely cleaned up of all feed. At the beginning of such a feeding period feed is relatively plentiful and the stock makes some gains in weight. Later, when the animals should be on heavier feed, the supply of feed is relatively scarce and it requires a lot of moving around for an animal to get enough feed to continue making a gain. Sometimes animals come to a standstill or even lose weight on this account. Such a loss in weight is a double loss.

Let Stock Clean Up.

A better plan where a whole crop is to be fed to live stock is to harvest the better part of the crop and allow the stock to clean up the remainder; then, when this is gone, feed the harvested part of the crop and avoid losing any of the gains made from the cleanup of the field. Another way of harvesting a crop with live stock is to remove the fattening stock before feed becomes scarce and replace them with other stock to clean up what the fattening stock has left.

Water Is Essential.

A readily available supply of good drinking water is also essential when stock is used to harvest a crop. When a fattening animal has to walk a mile or so for a drink it won't always drink enough water, especially on cold, windy days. It takes a lot of energy for a fat animal to walk any great distance and to produce this energy it requires feed, so a good water supply will save feed.—E. H. Huelskemper, Extension Service, Colorado Agricultural College.

It's Very Necessary to Supply Egg Ingredients

When we realize that a hen makes eggs containing all the twelve elements needed in human nutrition and makes them out of raw material, we see how necessary it is that she be supplied with the needed ingredients for producing eggs. Eggs contain iron, and most of this iron must go into the fowls' systems through the green leaves they eat. That is why poultry must be supplied with clover or alfalfa throughout the winter.

Ground alfalfa is used extensively in poultry rations, both in the dry mash and in wet mash, or sometimes as steamed greens. Greens fed in this way are good, but we find hay preferable. In the first place, the ground alfalfa seems rather heavy and the birds do not relish it as they should. Besides this you will notice that when the birds are fed hay, they leave the hard woody parts and eat only the leaves and tender parts.

A little observation will show you that any animal that is in a reproducing condition will consume more leaves and green food than when it is not reproducing. For this reason, a hen that is laying needs more green food than when she is not laying, as some of these elements used in building eggs are taken out of her system every day.

Clover Hay More Than Doubles Gain in Lambs

A little clover hay and linseed oil cake lowered the feed cost and more than doubled the daily gain in weight when fed to lambs in tests in lambing down corn at the Ohio experiment station.

In a 41-day test 24 lambs turned into standing corn without additional feed made an average daily gain of .16 pounds at a cost of $14.89 per 100 pounds gain. A similar lot receiving three-fourths pound of good clover hay in addition to standing corn made a daily gain of .34 pounds at a cost of $9.45 per 100 pounds.

Linseed oil cake added to the clover hay at the rate of .15 pound per lamb still further increased the daily gain and lowered its cost per hundred.

Kerosene Oil for Roup

Some people have had good results by treating roup with common kerosene oil. Put a spoonful of the oil in a pail of water and dip the heads of the sick birds into it. With a slow, steady motion, draw the bird's head through the film of oil, withdraw slowly, and wipe dry. The oil seems to kill the germs of the local disease and stimulates the mucous membranes to renewed action.

Waste Oil Made Useful

Waste oil removed from the crank case of tractors and automobiles can be put to good use this fall freeing poultry flocks of mites.

An oil spray can be used effectively to kill the mites found on and near roosts. Almost any oil can be used but since many flock owners have automobiles, the waste crank case oil is the most practical material.

When Eggs Are Low

The very low level to which the price of eggs dropped this spring has awakened the country to the fact that if we are to continue to produce eggs in the present quantity at a profit we must produce them cheaper, have less loss between producer and consumer, reduce the cost of handling, and create more market by making eggs more attractive to the housewife.

The Message of the Violets

By CECELIA FARWELL

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WE WERE wrapped loosely in soft tissue and laid in a big white box. It was damp and dark and cool in the box, like the night-time when we nestled down under our big green leaves and went to sleep under the stars.

When the box was opened I heard a soft voice exclaim, "Oh! Violets!" and we were gathered up, so gently that not a petal was crushed, and pressed against a girl's face.

Something damp fell on one of my petals—tears—though I heard a soft, happy laugh. She laid us down ever so carefully and picked up a little square of stiff paper, giving a quick little gasp, "Oh!" There was a new note in it. She sat down by the table and was very still for a long time, only her hand touching us lightly, lovingly. My tiny violet heart thrilled at her caress, though I did not understand.

Then, slowly, hesitatingly, she reached toward the telephone that stood on the table behind our box, but drew it back quickly. I wondered. She leaned over us and I felt her lips touch me gently; it was as if she whispered into my ear, "Why not?" She took up the instrument, but her voice trembled as she called a number.

We all kept very still, not even a rustle among us, but we sent out our sweet perfume to her, for somehow, we knew that she needed us. We could hear every word when a man's voice answered.

"Hello."

"Mr. Graham?" The soft voice did not tremble now.

"Hello—what—why—it is Elizabeth!" There was amazement and joy in the tones.

"Yes. I—I wanted to—to thank you for the violets."

"To thank me—Elizabeth—I don't understand."

"They came—addressed to me, and your card. I wanted to—to thank you, that was all."

Then the man said a very strange thing. We heard him plainly, and so did Elizabeth, but instead of putting that instrument down in a hurry, so that she could not hear another word, she just held part of it close against her shoulder, so that no sound could go into it, and laughed. What the man had said was: "Well, I'll be d——d!"

Then he added quickly, and I didn't like the tone of it, for it sounded jealous, and from what Elizabeth had said I did not think that he had any right to be jealous: "Say, Elizabeth, are you in the habit of getting flowers from Lister's?"

"No. I have never had any from there before."

"Oh—I thought maybe they had put my card in the wrong box."

"Then they were not for me?" Her voice sounded a little tired.

"No—yes—wait a moment, Elizabeth—don't hang up.

"Of course it was a mistake—I wouldn't have dared. But—listen, Elizabeth—of—I can't tell you by telephone—may I come up and tell you how it happened?"

His voice was eager, but Elizabeth's sounded just like a frosty morning: "I don't think that is necessary. It was a mistake, I understand."

After a long time the door opened and a young man came in—a tall young man, with gray eyes that smile. He wasn't the least handsome, just big—but his eyes made up for everything.

Elizabeth stood very still by the table. He came over and laid his hand on hers, which rested lightly on us, but she slipped hers from under it. He gathered some of us up in his hands, tenderly, and held us out to her, but she shook her head, and said, sadly: "They are not for me."

He laid us back carefully, and said slowly: "It is eight months since I have sent you violets, Elizabeth—but I have—wanted to—every day.

"This morning I stopped in at Campbell's. I had promised—Margie—some roses. As I waited for the man I remembered that I had always sent you violets from Campbell's and, somehow, I didn't want to—send—flowers to any one else—from there. So I went on—to Lister's. I was thinking of you, you see, and the violets.

"I didn't intend to order violets—but I did. I remembered, after I went out. The man had looked at me sort of surprised when I said to him, 'You will send them right up?' and he answered, 'They will be delivered immediately.' I didn't know that I had written a downtown address. My heart had written it for me. So, you see, dear, they are for you."

He gathered some of us into his hands again and held them out to her. This time she took them in both hands.

And when he saw that there were tears in her eyes he took her into his arms.

After a long moment she said in a sort of gasping whisper: "But Margie?"

He laughed happily. "Oh, Margie will be all right. She doesn't really want me—she just wanted the last new man—I was it! She'll probably break the engagement because I did not send those roses!"

Then he gathered up a double-handful of violets and lifted them above her head, letting them fall in a shower over her brown hair. But she gathered up every one, carefully, exclaiming: "Oh, my precious flowers—my dear little violets that have brought me such happiness. I must get some water for them—I want them to live forever!"

He Overheard the Conversation

By JESSIE H. ERNST

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STANLEY TOWNSEND wondered whether he really loved Gloria Ganes. He had many symptoms but he wasn't positive. A great importance seemed to cling to anything she admired. There was always joy in being with her and loneliness in not seeing her.

That night he had an engagement to take her to dinner. It was Sunday. It had proved a dull day. He paid a few unimportant calls and then went to his club. It was almost six o'clock. He was just getting into his overcoat to go home to dress when he encountered Harry Clark, a fellow member and a casual friend. Clark was also about to leave.

"I'll walk a way with you, Townsend, if you wait a few seconds. I've promised to telephone a girl about a party she is arranging. But it won't take me a second." Clark bellowed a telephone number to the switchboard operator. It was Gloria Ganes' number. Townsend gasped, choked and waited. The telephone booth was right next to him. Clark's voice from inside came through the glass door and could be plainly heard. "Anything for papa's pet!" Clark was saying. "Oh you beautiful doll! Let me kiss away the blues! I'll be there tomorrow night with bells on, and you'd better put a court plaster on that mole!"

Clark put down the receiver and with a radiant smile of satisfaction opened the door of the booth. Townsend uttered a few banal words, "Forgotten engagement. I've got to hurry on."

Clark nodded good naturedly and picked up a magazine. "Ever read this article on being positive?"

Townsend flung a curt "No," and hurried out.

Being positive! It was remarkable how a simple thing will accomplish what weeks of mental debate will not. Marriage versus celibacy. In less than two minutes his admiration for Gloria Ganes had been killed and he was now quite positive that he did not want to marry her or anyone else.

He would take her to dinner but that would end their friendship forever. He had often heard others talk of the torture of disillusion. Townsend felt that at last he knew the reality of it.

He was cold and distant when Gloria entered the drawing room in her shimmering gown of mountain haze and silver. He helped her on with her evening coat without the usual tremble that made his hands awkward. He suggested the restaurant they dine at, instead of waiting for her suggestion. He pointed out to the headwaiter the table that he wanted, instead of waiting timidly to be shown to the worst table in the room. When he asked Gloria what she wished to eat and she said "You order," he did, and ordered everything he wanted.

At last they were back in Gloria's drawing room and it was time to say goodnight. But Gloria went to the piano and started to play. Something dreamy and soothing. He lighted a cigarette, then put it out and felt for his pipe.

"I'm not going to see you any more. I want to say goodbye," he began. Gloria continued to play.

"Gloria, did you hear what I said?"

"Yes—"

"Doesn't it mean anything to you?"

"That you are not going to see me any more: that you want to say goodbye?"

"Yes—"

"You might see me again, accidently."

"I'm not fooling."

"Are you leaving the city?"

"No. But something happened tonight to completely disillusion me with you."

"What happened?"

"I overheard your conversation with Harry Clark. He called you up from the club and quite accidentally I happened to be standing near him. Will you please stop playing that stupid music!"

"It's beautiful music. I mayn't be playing it as well as it should be played."

"I want your attention."

"I am listening. You said you were disillusioned with me, because you heard Harry Clark telephone me."

"Have you ever kissed Harry Clark?"

"I don't think so."

"Think so! Don't you know?"

"We're awfully good friends. I've known him for years."

"If you knew me for years you'd kiss me?"

"Perhaps."

And then a strange thing happened. Some impelling emotion made Townsend take Gloria very roughly in his arms and kiss her lips with cruel ardor and desire. Gloria lay quietly, and unresisting.

When Townsend finally released her Gloria managed to say, "You weren't disillusioned; you were merely jealous."

The next day when Harry Clark telephoned Gloria she sparkled in transports of happiness over the wire. "You must have acted the part marvelously. He was terribly jealous. We got engaged last night. I've promised never to see you again."

"Perhaps some day we'll tell him. By the way, do you want that article back—being positive? I couldn't get him to read it last night."

"It's all right. He doesn't need it now."

Breaking It Gently

By FRANK WALL

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THERE were times when Lawson McCormick, head of the wholesale lumber house of that name, felt strongly inclined to break the rule of his firm that no employee must be fired except for murder or something desperate like that. He glanced at Miss Beggs and sighed.

Well, there were other ways. "Miss Beggs," he said gently.

His secretary roused herself from a pleasant day-dream. "Yes, dearie," she murmured absent-mindedly.

"Please take a letter," snapped McCormick. "To Iamstalevich Bamgoozlum, 1234 Ornitherinchus Building, Eusopoedia, Pa.," he said blandly. "While psycho-analysis is not, metaphorically speaking, an integral part of our activities, we are pleased to elucidate your query. Psycho-analysis is a kind of vivisection of the subjective faculties, whereas metaphysics is the science which circumnambulates about non-existent abstractions."

"Let me have that right away, Miss Beggs," he added.

"Gee!" murmured Miss Beggs reproachfully as she went to her desk.

Thereafter for about five minutes there was an intermittent tapping on her typewriter, broken by periods of eloquent silence; but at last she brought the letter to her chief.

"You're very slow," he said sharply. "I wanted this right away."

"Bit peeved, aren't you?" said Miss Beggs mildly. "Don't mind me."

McCormick was reading the letter. "Yamskill O'Witch Bamboozles, 1234 Ornerywinkus Building, Useapoodle, Pa. While sikonallisis is not metterferically speaking an integeral part of our activities we are pleased to lucydate your queery. Sikonallisis is a kind of vivisuction of the subjective faculters, whereas metterfissics is the science which shirks a perambulater about non-existent substractions."

"There isn't a mistake you could have made that you haven't made," growled McCormick.

"Kind of thorough," said Miss Beggs, and she faded away into one of the day dreams.

McCormick regarded her thoughtfully. She was plain in every way in which a girl can be plain, but her face usually had a look of good-humored shrewdness which made him like her in spite of herself. Just at present though her expression was one of rapt foolishness.

McCormick tore the letter fifty ways at once and threw it into his waste-paper basket. "Miss Beggs!" he said sharply.

Her head turned slowly, but she did not speak. She was too far gone in dreamland to come back all at once.

"Miss Beggs!" he shouted. "Oh, Miss Beggs!"

And just when the attention of every one in the office had been attracted she looked up at him. "Yes, lovey?" she murmured.

McCormick tore his hair. "Take this away and drown it!" he muttered. "Oh, ye gods, what have I done to deserve this?"

"Take another letter," he said explosively. "I'll give you the name and address presently."

He sat drumming with his fingers for a moment and then: "I regret to have to inform you," he dictated in a level voice, "That your work recently has been characterized by sheer stupidity. It is unfortunately the rule of this house not to dismiss employees for stupidity. . . ."

Miss Beggs was wide awake now. She rose, gathering her notebook and pencil, and looked him straight in the eyes. "I'm sorry, Mr. McCormick," she said in a low voice. "You got me on a lot of unusual words that time . . . and I've been day-dreaming a lot, too. . . ."

And then, man like, and perhaps because he'd always had a kind of liking for this queer little secretary of his, he rushed to the other extreme. "I'd no right to speak that way," he said. "Suppose we both forget, will you? I haven't any more letters just now. Will you tell my son I'd like to see him?"

"I'm leaving on Saturday," she said wistfully.

"Ah!" said McCormick, and in that monosyllable he expressed a whole dictionary of joy and relief. "Er—I hope your decision isn't final, Miss Beggs?"

"Well . . . I got married last week-end. . . ."

"I wouldn't try to dissuade you for the world," he said hastily: "If you've made up your mind to go, we'll have to manage somehow. I'll never have a secretary like you again," he said earnestly.

And she gave him that queer little likeable smile that made her homely face so charming at times. "It's very nice of you to say that," she murmured.

"I'll tell you one thing," he said, and he really meant this: "I may have a more efficient secretary, since we're trying to be frank to each other, but I'll never have one who'll stand my moods and tempers so splendidly as you have. As a private secretary, you're the best-tempered girl in the office."

And this time she fairly beamed at him. "An even temper is a good quality for a wife to have," she said thoughfully.

"You bet it is."

"It's a pretty good quality for a daughter-in-law, too, isn't it?"

And when he didn't reply: "Jack was scared to break the news to you," she said smilingly.

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Increase Capacity of Small Vehicles

Two Side Supports Will Prove Convenient.

Loads of merchandise, which are light in weight but large and bulky in size, can easily be carried on small wagons by providing two side supports of the kind shown in the drawing. The supports are made by nailing a 10-inch board to two lengths of 2 or 3 by 4-inch wood, as shown in the upper right-hand detail, and the supports are then arranged on the wagon box, as shown in the left-hand view, with the 2 by 4-inch legs crossing each other. The legs should be bolted together to keep the supports in position securely, so that heavy loads will not displace them. Large

Side Supports on Small Wagon Increase Its Capacity for Holding Bulky Loads.

loads of hay and straw, and shocks of wheat, oats, etc., can readily be carried with the assistance of such a rack, and, as it is light in weight, it can be set up by one man.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

Use of Disk Harrow Is Favored on Old Pasture

If an old pasture is to be seeded to sweet clover, and particularly if it is on a piece of land that is not especially well suited to farming purposes so that it is not desirable to have it plowed, I would advise the use of the disk harrow on it this fall and then go on and seed unscarified sweet clover seed at the rate of 12 to 15 pounds to the acre. In seeding the unscarified seed I should want to have a germination test on it and know the percentage of hard seeds. Some unscarified seed contains a large amount of seed that will grow immediately, that is, it is not hard seed.

The only advantage of seeding the unscarified seed in the fall is that the work can be done away from the pressure of spring work and, furthermore, it will give the seed the full advantage of early seeding the following spring. The freezing and thawing of early spring will usually soften the seed that lies near the surface sufficiently so that it will germinate. Where spring seeding is practiced the scarified seed should be used.

I should prefer to use the white blossom sweet clover for pasture purposes because of its longer season of growth and greater yielding capacity. —H. L. Walster, North Dakota College of Agriculture.

Bank Rutabaga Turnips to Keep During Winter

Rutabaga turnips may be kept in perfect condition throughout the winter if dug in late November or early December and banked in soil. Cut off the tops close to the turnips and trim the roots, place the turnips in banks containing from 5 to 15 bushels each, and cover with 8 to 12 inches of soil. There is no necessity for putting straw around the turnips; the soil will keep them cool and moist.

The turnips may be taken from the bank any time during the winter as needed. They will keep in perfect condition in the bank until the weather turns warm in early March.

FARM NOTES

An hour a day makes farm reading pay.

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Tenant farming and soil depletion go hand in hand.

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The dirt farmer, if he would be successful, must also be a brain farmer.

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In opening up the silos be very careful to remove all the moldy and rotted silage on top.

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Early picked corn makes best seed. Early selection, rapid drying, and safe storing insure a good seed supply.

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If the embattled farmers will stand together in co-operative selling, they can fire a shot heard around the world.

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Farming is the only business which its operators have tried to run solely from the producing end, disregarding the selling end.

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Put the soft corn in a silo; or feed it out as soon as possible; or dry it and feed later on. Some of it will even make good seed if carefully dried and stored.

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See that the young calves are fed warm clean milk and that the quantity fed is not varied suddenly, and sterilize the milk pails after each feeding.

Cabbage Flavor Is Undesirable

Some Crops Often Fed to Dairy Cows as Means of Supplying Succulence.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Succulent feeds in the ration of dairy cows have come to have such importance that many crops not grown primarily for this purpose may enter into the ration. Cabbage and potatoes, though not generally grown for dairy feeds, are often fed to dairy cows as a means of supplying succulence and disposing economically of products that are otherwise unmarketable.

Impart Bad Odors.

Like other succulent feeds, cabbage and potatoes may have a tendency to impart undesirable flavors and odors to the milk, says the United States Department of Agriculture, if fed under certain conditions. Tests have been conducted by the department to determine the extent to which these crops affect the flavor of milk and how they may be fed and the milk handled so as to minimize such effect.

It was found that on the average when dairy cows consume as much as 14.3 pounds of cabbage within one hour before milking time, abnormal and objectionable flavors are produced in the milk. An increase in the amount of cabbage fed intensifies these flavors. An average of 25 pounds of cabbage may be consumed immediately after milking, however, without having objectionable flavors in the milk become noticeable. Some of these flavors may be eliminated by proper aeration of the milk, and others greatly reduced.

Flavor of Potatoes.

The feeding of 14.8 pounds of potatoes an hour before milking may flavor the milk to a slight extent, but hardly enough to be detected by the average consumer. Increasing this amount of potatoes does not increase the abnormal flavors and odors produced in the milk. Dairy cows may be fed as much as 28 pounds of potatoes immediately after milking, with no resultant off flavors in the milk.

Forced Egg Production With Artificial Light

Using artificial lights on pullets to force egg production during the first year and letting the hens work under natural conditions the second year is the practice recommended by the department of poultry husbandry at South Dakota State college after careful experimentation with forced egg production under artificial lights.

The forced production has been found advisable only in the case of birds which are not to be bred the following spring, for forcing future breeders, it has been found, causes them to produce the eggs which are less fertile and which hatch poorly. In other words, forced production by artificial light plan makes weak breeders.

Artificial lighting, when properly used, has decided advantages, however. It means more winter eggs. The lighting lengthens the hen's working day, and more work means more feed consumed, which brings about a greater production of eggs.

The increased production is secured, however, only at this season. The total yearly production, it has been found, is not increased. The gain in production comes at the season of the year when the price of eggs is high, which makes this method worth considering.

Covered Farm Machinery Doubles Length of Life

Double the length of the life of farm machinery by giving it a shelter that will protect it from "old man" weather. That is the way F. W. Duffee of the department of agricultural engineering, University of Wisconsin, puts it.

"People are learning that the life of farm machinery is really considerably longer than they formerly thought. Binders, mowers and other farm machinery of this type, if well housed, should last 20 to 25 years but manure spreaders, even of the best make, would probably not last longer than ten years at the most when housed," he continued.

"The average investment for farm machinery on a 160-acre farm is approximately $1,600, according to the 1922 census. A well constructed machine shed, suitable for a farm of 160 acres, would cost about $800 for frame construction, and for sheds built from poles and rough boards the shed will cost but a fraction of that figure. Then after the shed is constructed, the application of a coat of paint once in a while will make the shed last 40 to 60 years," was the statement made by Duffee.

Pelvic Bones Indicate Condition of Chickens

A hen laying well is a good eater. Her intestines are, therefore, fuller and more distended, and require more room than when she is not laying. When laying, the ovary and oviduct are of greater size and require more room. To provide this extra room the distance from the rear end of the keel to the pelvic bones increases with a consequent increase in size of the abdomen. A spread of three or more fingers in the smaller breeds, and four or more fingers in the larger breeds, indicates that the hen is in laying condition.

Portable Barnyard Stand for Lantern

Found Very Useful as It Can Be Set Where Needed.

On farms not equipped with electric light the use of a lantern is a necessity. In many cases the lantern is hung on a nail driven into the wall or a near-by post, but this is not handy because the lantern is not always in a convenient location. A portable lantern stand of the kind shown in the drawing has been found very useful, as it can be set just where the light is needed. It consists of a 5-foot length of 1-inch pipe, a piece of ¼-inch iron rod and a discarded harrow disk. The pipe is securely fastened to the disk by means

Portable Lantern Stand Proves of Considerable Convenience on the Farm.

of two nuts as indicated in the detail. The iron rod is bent, as shown, to form an eye at the top for holding the lantern, a wire hook being slipped through the eye for this purpose, and the ends of the rod are then pushed into the open end of the pipe. The whole outfit is light in weight and can be carried around easily.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

Don't Force Pullets to Lay Eggs During Winter

Now that the pullets are housed and laying it behooves us to consider what we are going to expect of them. Usually we know what kind of breeding is behind these pullets and whether they can normally be expected to lay 160 eggs apiece or 180 or 200. During the next year many persons will get 20 eggs less than the birds are bred to lay and some will get or try to get 20 eggs more. The supplying of protein in correct proportions is a stumbling block to many. Experience shows that 10 per cent meat (20 per cent of the mash) is necessary and any more is detrimental. If milk is fed, cut down on the meat. Bloody eggs from pullets are usually a sign of forcing which will result in high mortality. Late hatched pullets may have to be forced in order to get a winter production, but they are injured for future years and for breeding both by late development and by forcing. The moral is hatch early.—O. C. Krum, Poultry Extension Specialist, Colorado Agricultural College.

Sweet Clover Should Be Turned Under This Fall

Sweet clover, in a field that is to be used for corn next year, should be turned under this fall. This will give the green plants time to start decaying and become incorporated in the soil. If not turned under until spring, there will be so much material that there will be a layer of it between the plowed soil and the subsoil interfering with the passage of moisture and plant food. This condition would be particularly unfavorable if the season should be dry. To facilitate turning it under, attach a No. 9 wire to the beam of each plow letting it extend back into the furrow 4 or 5 feet behind the plow. This method is very effective in getting all the growth under the ground.

FARM FACTS

Humus in the soil is always worth more than it costs.

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Everyone knows that pure bred animals pay; why not pure bred seeds?

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Begin while eggs are high in price to find an individual market for your products.

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The most important thing about farming is the people on the farm and their problems.

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After crops are gathered is a good time to help save farm woman power by providing better home conveniences.

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As winter feeding becomes necessary, keep production records, and feed each cow in proportion to her size and the milk and butterfat produced.

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Start culling out the boarder cows. Set a standard of production not below 200 pounds of fat per year and cull out every cow that does not meet this standard.

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The results of the experiments at the various state experiment stations and by the Department of Agriculture have reduced chicken raising to a science, and you will find that practically all of your individual problems have been solved by the various authorities.

A Fat Man's Chance

By J. R. McCARTHY

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RUFUS BURTON, he of the glaring red hair and the incredibly optimistic disposition, was not a man to be discouraged by trifles. Where a modern Cassius, with his lean and hungry look, would have shot up the boss and then gone home and pickled his meager lungs in gas, Rufus Burton merely leaned back in his overburdened chair and let his waistband roll with laughter. He sat upon life complacently, and squashed the troubles out of it, as a fat man should.

Yet today the impossible had happened. Rufus Burton's huge girth did not roll. His mighty "Ho—ho!" did not rock the office walls. The fact is, Burton—the whole three hundred pounds of him—was glum.

For Burton had conceived a great idea, and the chief had pooh-pooh'd.

So Rufus sat sagging in his chair, glum as last week's cream-puff.

But not for nothing did the bowl of his pipe grow hot, and his round eyes watch the maneuvers of a spider on the ceiling. Burton's round brain was working in his round head. He was evolving a scheme. It might not work; it might work; it must work.

"If it takes ten years," he told the spider. "I'm going to put that idea through that dumb-bell Green's head."

The fat man was like that. His loyalty to Green was second only to his loyalty to the firm of which Green was chief. It would never have entered his head to take his pet idea to some other advertising agency. The Green company was his company—and his company and his idea must somehow be got together.

The spider on the ceiling had completed her web and retired into obscurity. Her trap was set. Presently a fly— Oho! Burton's sagging cheeks stiffened. He even smiled.

Timothy Green, the chief, passed his desk a few minutes later. "Well, Rufus, have you forgotten that fool scheme of yours and got back to honest work?"

But the fat man was his old self again. He grinned. "I haven't forgotten the scheme, but I've got back to work. I'm after some one to write the Ladies' specialty copy, since Miss Simpson is to get married. What do you think of Miss Dorothy Hall, who writes the style column in the News?"

Now, Burton happened to know very well what Green thought of the good-looking Dorothy Hall. This, in fact, was why he asked. Green thought of her very much as Burton himself thought of her, which was pretty complimentary thinking, to say the least.

"Can we afford her?" Green asked.

"That's the only question, of course. But she can produce the stuff. Guess we'd better arrange to afford her."

"All right," said the chief, with enthusiasm. "Go get her."

Thus it was that Miss Dorothy Hall was installed where Rufus Burton could admire her, and where Green, when he was lucky, could have a word with her. Miss Dorothy entered into her new work with a keenness which surprised even Burton, who had admired her brains (from a safe distance) ever since she had returned from college and entered the employ of the News two years before.

She was quick as lightning to understand the idea, and soundly efficient in its execution. No wonder, then, that when Burton told her of his great idea—which was to triple an important branch of the business.

But he was constrained to warn her. "Don't say a word about this idea to Mr. Green, Miss Dorothy. He can't see it with a telescope, and the mere mention of it throws him into a rage."

"Why, that is absurd! Here you propose to secure for his company a practical monopoly on a big branch of the advertising business, new to this city, and he can't see it! This idea of booklets which will entertain the children, coupled with advertising to mothers of children's goods is a really big thing. It'll take the department stores by storm. You can sign them up easily. And I can write the copy. Mr. Green really must be made to see it!"

"No," said Burton emphatically. "Better not say a word to him about it. It makes him mad."

Three weeks later Rufus Burton returned, fatter and funnier than ever, from his vacation. When he went to the office, Miss Dorothy was not at her desk. But presently the door to Green's office opened, and the young lady in question came out. She was dressed for the street.

"Oh, Miss Dorothy, I'm glad to see you again," said the round man.

The young lady smiled and held out her hand. "Mrs. Green," she corrected him, archly.

Burton watched her disappear through the outer door. He was still standing, open-mouthed, when Green appeared and stepped up to him jauntily.

"Congratulations!" mumbled the fat man, meekly.

"Thank you! And say, Burton, I've decided to try out that idea of yours. I—I—er—Mrs. Green thinks it's great."

Two minutes later Rufus Burton, alone, leaned back dangerously in his overburdened chair. His jolly bulk rolled with the laughter of an incurable optimist.

A new spider was on the ceiling. "Nobody loves a fat man," Burton told the new spider, "but—it takes a lot more than one thin man to beat him!"

Your Auto License Has Expired

All licenses issued before October 14, '24, are now worthless and a new license, expiring October 14, 1925, is now required for each and every motor vehicle. This notice applies to you and it will save you half on your license if bought at once.

City Licenses Increase One-Half January 1, 1925

Buy your motor license before the first of the year and save 50 per cent. The city license plates are white with red figures. It is a violation of the law to run any car without this new license plate.

MRS. MAEME S. PITMAN
City Clerk.

Here's a Store With the Real Holiday Spirit

As Christmas draws near and every man's thoughts turn to some present for "HER"—She in turn is wondering what to give "HIM." Our store offers many suggestions for gift giving that will help solve your Christmas buying.

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House Slippers,
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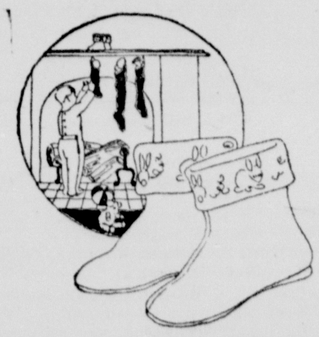

For Father, Son, Brother, "HIM"

Caps,
Mufflers,
Shoes
Socks,
Ties,
Gloves

PINNELL STORE CO.

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"The Most of the Best for the Least"

BANQUET AT THE CAPE TO JUDGE J. A. SNIDER

Leading attorneys of Southeast Missouri at a banquet Tuesday night at the Hotel Idan-Ha paid tribute to the 13 years of service of Judge John A. Snider in Common Pleas Court here, welcomed the judge-elect, Oscar A. Knehans, and heard discussions of some of the problems facing the legal profession today. Practically efery county in the district was represented at the gathering of 52 attorneys.

Lauding him as an impartial and just judge, the attorneys unanimously adopted a resolution expressing the appreciation of the bar "to the courteous, patient, and impartial service" of Judge Snider.

The first part of the evening's program was given over to a discussion of some of the legal problems of the day and to recent attacks which have been made on the courts.

Circuit Judge Frank Kelly, a guest at the dinner, in a speech on "Crime, Its Prevalence and Cause" declared that "we are not governed by intelligence and intellect, but 90 per cent of our actions are due to emotions'.

Emotions of love and hate, he declared, are responsible for the greater part of the crime of the world, and in an explanation, declared that of all the crims committed by normal persons, most of them could be traced to one of these two outstanding emotions.

Judge Kelly pointed out in the discussion, which involved the psychology of crime, that an individual many times acts contrary to what he wants to do, and afterwards can give no explanation. Even courts and juries are governed sometimes by their emotions, he explained.

"I have been a liberal believer in the parole law, as you all know," the circuit judge declared, in taking up the part that juvenile offenders play in crime. "But, my views have been considerably modified. I believe that the law must carry some fear. We've got to learn to fear man-made laws, but the greatest responsibility is for us to make the children love and revere the law of the land".

Judge Kelly declared that there must be either religious training in the public schools of the nation or a similar training somewhere "for the children no longer get it in the home. We must have a deeper respect and reverence for the law, for the rights of other people and for ourselves".

Referring to the Leopold-Loeb case in Chicago, the judge pointed out that those youths had the training that a modern world could give, with the exception of a spiritual training.

"Observance of the law to me is like observance of the laws of the Kingdom of God", he declared. "The duty of the lawyers of today is to impress it firmly on the minds of the people".

Albert Spradling, Cape Girardeau attorney, traced the attack which was made by the independent party against the Supreme Court. He quoted from different prominent men of the nation, on both sides of the question as to whether Congress should be made supreme over the Court.

He pointed out with a few well chosen examples how foolish and dangerous would supremacy of Conpress become if such a practice was adopted. He declared that if such a measure was adopted, it would violate the constitution of the United States and "it would not take us long to lapse into a condition of chaos".

Charles Liles of Dexter injected into the meeting considerable humor in a talk describing his recent visit to the annual meeting of the American Bar Association at Philadelphia, to which he went as a delegate from the State Association.

Liles claimed the distinction of being the only Missourian who made a speech at the national convention, and he referred to the records of the proceedings, which show that when a motion to adjourn was made, "Liles from Missouri" promptly seconded it. His address was replete with humor, and gave interesting and amusing sidelights of the trip to Philadelphia and the stay there.

Harry E. Alexander, referee in bankruptcy in Cape Girardeau, gave a short explanation of the workings of the Federal bankruptcy law, and declared that although there had been a number of such cases, there had been little fraud developed.

Harry Blanton of Sikeston pointed out the needs of local and state bar associations, especially for the control of members in the conduct of their profession.

A history of the Cape Girardeau Common Pleas Court, the only one in Missouri presided over by a special judge, written by R. B. Oliver, was read by B. C. Hardesty.

Rush H. Limbaugh, Cape Girardeau attorney, pointed out the "characteristic of the bench", which he enumerated as "industry, initiative, fairness, and humanity. He offered the resolution expressing appreciation of the work of Judge Snider.

Oscar A. Knehans, judge-elect of the Common Pleas rourt, introduced Judge Snider, giving a few amusing occurrences in his court, and referring to him not only "as a successful lawyer, but a successful farmer and banker".

Replying, Judge Snider declared that if he had been successful in the conduct of the court the greater part of the credit belonged to the members of the Southeast Missouri bar.

"It has been my pleasure to serve you the best I could," he declared. "I want to say, too, that the future of this court is assured. It must, and will, continue to grow and become a greater court. I believe that the business of the court will increase as much in the future as it has in the past. You have, in my opinion, a man who becomes my successor, who will in every way far exceed my record'".

Among the attorneys present were: George Munger, Gene Munger, J. W. Farris, A. T. Welborn, Clarence A. Powell, of Bloomfield; Clark Russell, James Boone, J. C. McDowell, O. W. Joslyn, George Kirk, George Cain, J. M. Haw, of Charleston; Everett Reeves, Caruthersville; Harry Blanton, M. G. Gresham, Thos. B. Dudley, Ralph E. Bailey, Sikeston; Francis M. Walker and Charles Liles, Dexter; Sam M. Phillips, J. C. Henson, Jno. F. Woody, of Poplar Bluff; C. M. Hicks and Joe Milligan, St. Louis; Judge John A. Snider, E. A. Mason, David B. Hays, Frank Hines, T. D. Hines, of Jackson; R. H. Whitelaw, Judge Frank Kelly, B. C. Hardesty, Rush H. Limbaugh, W. L. Proffer, B. Hugh Smith, Frank Lowry, Kenrick Burrough, R. S. Rutledge, R. B. Oliver, II., Allen L. Oliver, O. A. Knehans, H. E. Alexander, A. M. Spradling, Horace Siberell, J. A. Barks, Giboney Houck, Orren Wilson, dward L. Drumm, Cape Girardeau; P. B. Hood, Perryville.—Cape Missourian.

Vernon Skillman spent the week-end in St. Louis.

Mrs. Josephine Veith spent the week-end in Diehlstadt with homefolks.

DOGHILL PARAGRAPHS

Yam Simes, the popular clam digger and painter, varnished himself into one coroner of Mrs. Atlas Peck's parlor floor while decorating there this week.

The merchants of Tickville report a very nice Christmas business. The men folks have done most of the buying and the wives of many of our citizens will receive handsome and useful presents, such as clothes wringers, wash boilers and laundry soap.

Miss Rosy Moseley will be the soloist at the Ladies' Aid meeting in the Dog Hill church on Saturday afternoon. The manager of the Glue Works has been requested not to blow the factory whistle during the song.

Having recently had the not unexpected good fortune to tow three autos from a mudhole near his home, Poke Eazley will retire from active business for the winter. Poke is also quite well-to-do in his wife's name—she having two steady boarders.

The Wild Onion School teacher gave a lecture at the schoolhouse on Friday evening. His subject, "How Perfume Is Made", was well received until Luke Mathewsla fell asleep and scorched his overshoes on the stove.

The Calf Ribs Widow has broken her engagement to Sid Hocks on account of his great dislike for Cross Word Puzzles. Sid is all upset about it and yesterday at the store he asked for a quart of sandpaper and one spool of white molasses.

Cricket Hicks is working on a new kind of music. He hollers into an empty cistern and then into one halfful of water. Cricket is thinking of going on the stage if he can make arrangements for the cisterns.

Luke Mathewsla while getting a bite to eat yesterday afternoon, accidentally shut his whiskers in the cupboard door. With rare presence of mind he finished his lunch and two hours later was released by his wife when she returned from a meeting of the Hearsay Club.

The Assistant Coroner has purchased a partly-educated parrot which can say "Go to", "What the" and "I'll be", but the bird always stops in the middle of a sentence. Tobe Mosely says polly ought to be sent to a finishing school.

Five or six of our citizens assisted a stranger in putting up the one-man top on his auto just before the shower last Thursday.

The mail carrier was so wrapped up with quilts and clothes to keep warm when he arrived today that everybody at the postoffice thought it was the week's washing.

The proprietor of the Tickville Hotel never did have any love for his competitors and today he was seen looking through his eyebrows at the man who runs the Palace Wagon Yard.

The Calf Ribs widow had an artificial rose yesterday and not knowing what elese to do with it, she pinned it on Raz Balrow, and he is now walking right careful to keep from jarring it.

Miss Flutie Belcher was heard today buying a cheap necktie for a friend she didn't care anything about and it is expected Yam Sims will come out all smiles Christmas morning wearing it.

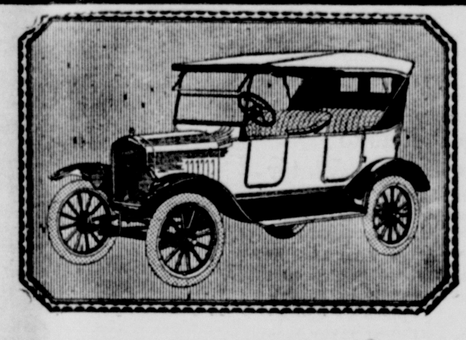
Fletcher Henstep says a disappointment is a blank space between what you expected to do and what you really did do.

Ellick Helwanger says sometimes this appears to be a cold world, as he stood around Tickville Saturday afternoon and nobody paid him attention except to honk at him to get out of the way.

Columbus Allsop's wife wanted to find him today to chop some stovewood and alarmed the whole neighborhood as far away as the postoffice trying to locate him without success, and fully made up her mind he was up to some devilment when all the time he was sitting on the sunny side of the hen house eating hickory nuts.

Somebody called Sile Kildew a fool to his face last Tuesday, and Sile said he was glad to hear it, as he had often wondered if he was.

CHRISTMAS CLEAN-UP SALE



TOMORROW AFTERNOON
Promptly at
3:30 o'clock

Friday, Dec. 19th
in Front of
OUR STORE

We Will Give Away Absolutely Free This Ford Car

This is our Big Christmas Treat to you. We are playing Santa Claus tomorrow, Friday, December 19. Be there with your tickets. Some one is going to drive off in the new Ford Touring Car. While here don't fail to take advantage of the

CHRISTMAS CLEAN-UP SALE

This Sale is proving to be the best friend of the economical Christmas shopper. It comes right at a time when you will want to make your Christmas purchases. You will find plenty of Gift Suggestions here—and at unheard-of before-Christmas prices.

Here Are Some Prices That No Christmas Shopper Can Beat:

Heavy brown bluchers soft or hard cap $2.29

50 pairs high grade tan and brown calf bluchers and bals, $10 value 3.85

Men's Oxfords, 1 lot black and brown, val. $5 to $7.50 3.85

Men's genuine Goodyear welt, tan army shoes new stock 3.95

One lot of Men's Dress Sox, per pair 08c

Ladies' oxfords and straps in kid, calf and suede values $6 to $8.50 ..... 3.85

Patent one-strap low heel slipper 2.49

Ladies' felt house slippers in well asst. colors and contrasts 89

Best grade Bleached Muslin, per yard 16c

Fancy Comfort Cretones, per yard 10c

Ladies' Dresses, values to $9.95 for $4.45

Ladies', Misses' and Children's Coats good val. 4.95

Some of these are all wool, very good qualities and a few have fur trimming.

Ladies' ribbed fleeced unions long sleeves ankle length 1.19

Ladies' heavy outing gowns regular $1.50 value 95c

Ladies' New Fall Hats values $4.95 to $10 ..... 3.45

1 lot of Hats some real nifty styles, going at 98c

Men's heavy ribbed union suits, $1.50 values 1.19

Men's heavy fleeced and heavy ribbed shirts and drawers, $1 values 79c

1 lot of heavy Flannelette Shirts, in blue, grey and khaki, $1.00 values 79c

Extra heavy lot Sweaters $5.00 values 1.19

1 lot of Boys' Sweaters values to $1.50, now 95c

Single gray blankets with pretty stripe border 98c

Plaid Blankets, 64x80 weighs 3 pounds $3.39

Standard 32 inch Gingham 15c

Standard Outing in lights and darks 15c

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